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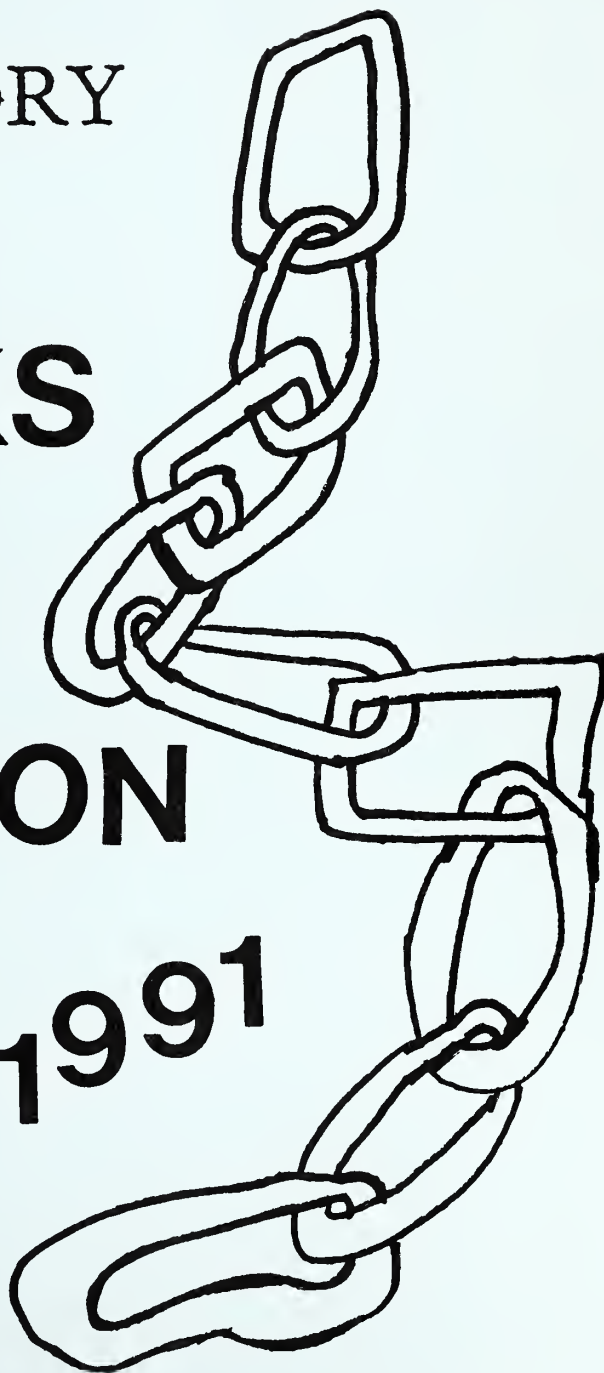
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**LINKS  
TO  
MISSION**

**1990**

**1991**



United Methodist Women  
Louisiana Conference  
The United Methodist Church

## 1991 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 12	Task Group for 1991 Annual Meeting - Henning Memorial UMC, Sulphur
January 25-27	Nominations/NOTE, Ramada O'Hare, Chicago
January 27	UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY
February 8-9	Mid-year Executive Committee Meeting Tall Timbers Baptist Conference Center
March 1	Church Women United, World Day of Prayer
March 1-3	UMW Conference Retreat, Marilyn Oden leader Tall Timbers Baptist Conference Center
March 1-3	West Gulf Regional School Planning Team
March 14-16	Church Women United State Assembly
April 13	Committee Meetings - Membership, Finance, Nominations, and Standing Rules - David Haas Memorial UMC, Bunkie
May 3	Church Women United, May Fellowship Day
May 31-June 2	Training for Leaders of Children's Mission Study Scarritt-Bennett Center, Nashville
June 3-6	Louisiana Annual Conference, Centenary College
June 12-16	West Gulf Regional School, Centenary College
July 16-17	UMW Conference Committee Meetings: Program, Finance, Executive and School, Centenary College
July 18-21	The School of Christian Mission, Centenary College
July 15-22	World Federation of Methodist Women, Singapore
July 24-31	World Methodist Conference, Singapore
August	District Mini-Schools of Christian Mission
August 18-25	UMW National Seminar, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio
September 19	UMW Conference Executive Committee, Sulphur
September 20-21	UMW Conference Annual Meeting, Henning Memorial UMC, Sulphur
October	UMW District Annual Meetings
October 25-26	District Elected Leaders Training Tall Timbers Baptist Conference Center
November 8-11	Church Women United Jubilee Assembly, St. Louis, MO
December 5-8	New Officers Training Event (NOTE), New York City

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**BISHOP WILLIAM B. ODEN**

It was a day of great rejoicing when, in 1988, the Council of bishops granted Louisiana's request that newly-elected Bishop William B. Oden be assigned to Louisiana as Resident Bishop. This has proven to be a most fortunate decision, not only for Louisiana Methodism but also for United Methodist Women of Louisiana. In Bishop Oden Louisiana United Methodist Women found one who has a unique understanding and appreciation of both the Purpose and work of United Methodist Women. He and his lovely wife Marilyn, who has been active in the work of United Methodist Women for several years, have been totally supportive and helpful in every possible way.

Bishop Oden's first stated goal was to know "his people", both clergy and laity, the churches and their needs. This he began immediately to accomplish as he and Mrs. Oden visited every district throughout the state and shared themselves in innumerable ways.

He also inaugurated his program of "Shepherd's Visits", which has included hundreds of personal visits, and through which he has clarified the role of the "Good Shepherd" in new and definitive ways.

The present emphasis on "Vision 2000; Vital Congregations, Faithful Disciples", which is designed for local churches, is yet another expression of the dynamic and inspirational leadership of Bishop Oden, and great accomplishments are anticipated with this new vision, beginning now and extending into the twenty-first century.

It is with love and deep appreciation for his outstanding leadership and his warm spirit of friendship and unity, that has touched our spirit, that this 1990-1991 Annual Report and Directory is dedicated to our own Bishop William B. Oden. With him, we will work for and look forward to the realization of his dreams for vital congregations who are faithful disciples.

## PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The organized unit of UNITED METHODIST WOMEN shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. (Discipline Paragraph 263.6, Article 3)

## PURPOSE OF THE WOMEN'S DIVISION

The Women's Division shall be actively engaged in fulfilling the mission of the Church and shall interpret the PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN. With continuing awareness of the concerns and responsibilities of the Church in today's world, the Women's Division shall be an advocate for the oppressed and dispossessed with special attention to the needs of women and children; shall work to build a supportive community among women; shall engage in activities which foster growth in the Christian faith, mission education, and Christian social involvement throughout the organization. (Discipline Paragraph 1421)

## OUR POLICY

It is against the policy of the Women's Division to release lists of officers to any organization or commercial firm. These lists are published for the use of the district and conference of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women and are to be used for the promotion of the work of United Methodist Women.

WOMEN  
IN  MISSION!



## THE COVER

Bea Moak created the logo for the Conference Annual Meeting held in Monroe. It interprets the theme Links to Mission, emphasizing the individual woman as a link to mission. Susan Moore, member of the Oakdale United Methodist Women, used the logo to design the cover.



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Constitution and Bylaws Handbook, 1989-1992: page 43 Article 5, pp. 46-56

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Conference Council on Ministries ..... Norma Winegeart and Judy Rountree  
Lay Member of Annual Conference ..... Norma Winegeart

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**Constitution & Bylaws Handbook**  
**United Methodist Women 1989-1992**  
**page 56, Article III, Section I**

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Marilyn Ray  
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Bishop William Oden  
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9 District Presidents  
**UMW Conference Standing Rules and Guidelines**  
Joyce Reed  
Nancy Carruth  
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Administrative Committee

**C & BI, page 58, Article III, Section 4**  
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Committee on Program

**C & BI, page 58, Article IV, Section 1**

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Marilyn Oden  
Nancy Carruth  
Judy Rountree (DELT)  
Peggy Pugh (Annual Meeting)  
Janelle McCammon (Retreat)

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**C & BI, page 58, Article IV, Section 2**

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**C & BI, page 59, Article IV, Section 3**

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**UMW Conference Standing Rules**  
9 District Chairpersons of Membership

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**C & BI, page 60, Article IV, Section 4**

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### Committee on The Charter For Racial Justice Policies C & Bl, page 61, Article IV, Section 6

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### Committee on Annual Report/Directory **C & Bl, page 62, Article IV, Section 7** **UMW Conference Standing Rules**

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### Committee on Place of Annual Meeting **C & Bl, page 62, Article IV, Section 7** **UMW Conference Standing Rules**

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Bernice (31) ..... Edith Akin (Mrs. Dennis), 706 Louisiana Ave, Bernice 71222  
Brushwood (20) ..... Kay Simolke (Mrs. George), Rt 1 Box 93, Dubberly 71024  
Chatham (20) ..... Elaine Greer (Mrs. Robert), P O Box 372, Chatham 71226  
Cotton Valley (37) ..... Rozelle Fomby (Miss), P O Box 725, Cotton Valley 71018  
Douglas (5) ..... Willie Dean Chandler (Miss), Rt 1 Box 1770, Ruston 71270  
Downsville (29) ..... Judy McFarland (Mrs. T. D.), Rt 1 Box 10, Downsville 71234  
Doyline (4) ..... Linda Farnam (Mrs. James), P O Box 691, Doyline 71203  
Dubach (25) ..... Carol Ann White (Mrs. Byron), Rt 4 Box 145, Homer 71040  
Farmerville (22) ..... Lynn Baughman (Mrs. J. H.), P O Drawer 724, Farmerville 71241  
Gibbsland (16) ..... Edith Bennett (Mrs. Coy), Rt 2 Box 10, Gibbsland 71028  
Harmony Chapel (15) ..... Annette Gray (Mrs. Herbert), Rt 1 Box 42, Dubach 71235  
Haynesville (57) ..... Mazie Garrett (Mrs. W. G.), 100 Jackson Dr, Haynesville 71038  
Heflin (15) ..... Lou Frye (Mrs. Mark), P O Box 156, Sibley 71073  
Hodge (26) ..... Tressie Hathaway (Mrs. B. E.), 107 Rebecca Dr, Jonesboro 71251  
Homer (93) ..... Martee Rhea (Mrs. Duane), 620 W 4th, Homer 71040  
Jonesboro (47) ..... Jean Rockhold (Mrs. Jack), Rt 2 Box 11-A, Jonesboro 71251  
Marion (10) ..... Patricia Gore (Mrs. Bryant), P O Box 287, Marion 71260  
Minden:  
    First (136) ..... Wanda Purtle (Mrs. Homer), 411 East & West, Minden 71055  
    Lakeview (12) ..... Hilda Rene Pace (Mrs.), 705 Elm St, Minden 71055  
Quitman (10) ..... Pallie Phillips (Mrs. Ivy), Rt 2 Box 72, Quitman 71268  
Ruston:  
    Faith - disbanded  
    Grace (83) ..... Deborah Lynch (Mrs. Wesley O. III), 900 Orleans, Ruston 71270  
    Trinity (180) ..... Adona Cain (Mrs. Ralph), 206 E Florida, Ruston 71270  
    Wesley Chapel (14) ..... Wanda Neeles (Mrs. Charles), Rt 4 Box 131, Ruston 71270  
Salem (9) ..... Barbara Moon (Mrs. Neil), Rt 2 Box 873, Arcadia 71001  
Shongaloo (15) ..... Idell Simms (Mrs. L. A.), Rt 1 Box 174, Shongaloo 71072  
Simsboro (14) ..... Dianna Scott (Mrs. Lloyd), P O Box 186, Simsboro 71275  
Springhill (64) ..... Eluida Flanakin (Mrs. B. E.), 301 Willow St, Springhill 71075

#### SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

President ..... Betty Turner (Mrs.)  
137 Chimney Lane, Haughton 71037 (318-949-2232)

Vice President ..... Nell Inman (Mrs.)  
7401 Red Fox Trail, Shreveport 71129 (318-687-5033)

Secretary ..... Betty Russell (Mrs.)  
220 Walnut Lane, Bossier City 71111 (318-742-1269)

Treasurer ..... Elouise Jouett (Mrs.)  
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Mission Coordinators for:

Christian Personhood .....	Ginger Marks (Mrs.) 509 Linden, Shreveport 71104 (318-865-7583)
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Christian Global Concerns .....	Mozelle Tiller (Mrs.) P O Box 1593, Mansfield 71052 (318-872-2315)
Secretary of Program Resources .....	Cheryl Gillespie 1910 Bermuda, Shreveport 71105 (318-868-0710)
Chairperson, Committee on Nomination .....	Barbara Reger 136 Taylor Bend, Haughton 71037 (318-949-2864)
Chairperson, Committee on Membership .....	Patsy Washington (Mrs.) 3127 Redstone Dr, Shreveport 71107 (318-425-7157)
Secretary for Financial Interpretation .....	Violet Mellinger (Mrs.) 111 Lawrence, Haughton 71037 (318-949-3301)
Secretary of Publicity & Public Relations .....	Gladys Prillerman (Mrs.) 213 Plano, Shreveport 71103 (318-424-4582)
Sub District Leaders:	
I .....	Hixie Taylor, 2573 David Raines, Shreveport 71107
II .....	Marge Hill (Ms.), 2315 Melrose, Bossier City 71111
III .....	Betty Fields (Mrs.), Rt 1 Box 71, Zwolle 71486
IV .....	Margaret Baker (Mrs.), 2611 Randolph, Shreveport 71109

LOCAL PRESIDENTS

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Benton (61) .....	Sandra Upshaw (Mrs. Bill), 511 Lee St, Benton 71006
Blanchard (10) .....	Linda Shepherd (Mrs.), 4134 Shepherd Rd, Shreveport 71107
Bossier City:	
Asbury (38) .....	Mary Glay (Mrs. Ed), 130 Elmview Lane, Haughton 71037
Barksdale (19) .....	Carol Allen (Mrs. Edward), 1600 Michael Cir, Bossier City 71112
Fellowship (15) .....	Reta Pieper, 1902 Venus Dr, Bossier City 71112
First (65) .....	Marjorie Hill, 2315 Melrose, Bossier City 71111
Coushatta (30) .....	Mary Walters (Mrs. Tom), P O Box 174, Coushatta 71019
Greenwood (19) .....	Frances Hester, P O Box 585, Blanchard 71109
Haughton (20) .....	Tommie Pepper (Mrs. J. W.), 134 Taylor's Bend, Haughton 71037
Ida (6) .....	Virginia Chandler, P O Box 216, Ida 71044
Keithville (13) .....	Ruth Billimek (Mrs. Robert), 12674 Providence Rd, Keithville 71047
Logansport:	
Bethel (24) .....	Bobbie Childress (Mrs. Don), Rt 1 Box 294, Joaquin, TX 75954
First (35) .....	Catherine Freeman (Mrs. Dennis), P O Box 819, Logansport 71049
Love Chapel (29) .....	Barbara Reger (Mrs. Paul), 136 Taylor's Bend, Haughton 71037

Mansfield:

First (50) ..... Jackie Files (Mrs. Gerald), Rt 3 Box 820, Mansfield 71052  
Shady Grove (15) ..... Alice Shelton (Mrs. Jim), P O Box 972, Mansfield 71052  
Wesley (25) ..... Ethel Lilly (Mrs. Nathaniel), 304 Johnson St, Mansfield 71052  
Many (28) ..... Pearletta Enterkin (Mrs. Charles), Rt 1 Box 281, Many 71449  
New Light (7) ..... Anna Player (Mrs.), Rt 1 Box 16700, Benton 71006

Plain Dealing:

First (25) ..... Mildred Adams (Mrs. Ralph), P O Box 73, Plain Dealing 71064  
Walker's Chapel (10) ..... Patricia Matlock, Rt 2 Box 178, Plain Dealing 71064

Shreveport:

Broadmoor (200) ..... Yvonne Young (Mrs. J. C.), 7404 Camelback, Shreveport 71105  
Caddo Heights (17) ..... Nonie Best (Mrs.), 1517 Earl St, Shreveport 71108  
Cedar Grove (15) ..... Sarah Fouts (Mrs.), 215 W 68th St, Shreveport 71106  
Christ (100) ..... Carrie Michaelis (Mrs. Randy), 9345 Kildare St, Shreveport 71118  
Fairfield (20) ..... Patti Jones (Mrs. Napoleon), 3653 Darien St, Shreveport 71109  
Fairview (10) ..... Vera Jewitt (Mrs. Leon), 10158 Bull Horn P/D, Shreveport 71106  
Faith (12) ..... Denise McCall, 4047 Rose St, Shreveport 71119  
First (325) ..... Carolyn Colvin (Mrs. John), 526 Meadowbrook Ln, Shreveport 71105  
Jewella (18) ..... Deborah Dupye, 4302 Lakeshore Apt #308, Shreveport 71109  
Johnson's Chapel (13) ..... Haroldine Parris (Miss), 1219 Vaughn St, Shreveport 71101  
Lakeview (49) ..... Marian Olson (Mrs. D. L.), 7124 S Lakeshore Dr, Shreveport 71119  
Mangum (61) ..... Clarice Parks (Mrs.), 6415 S Lakeshore Dr, Shreveport 71119  
Morningside (34) ..... Margie Frady (Mrs. Harold), 7137 W Canal Blvd, Shreveport 71119  
Mt Zion (14) ..... Rosie Washington (Mrs. Henry), 2940 Judson St, Shreveport 71109  
Noel (193) ..... Dot Kelly (Mrs. Francis), 9938 Beaver Creek, Shreveport 71106  
North Highlands (85) ..... Jacqueline Brewton (Mrs.), 7853 Singleton Rd, Shreveport 71107  
Round Grove (12) ..... Inell Myers (Mrs. Tommie), 1417 David Raines Rd, Shreveport 71107  
St James (53) ..... Patsy Washington (Mrs. John), 3127 Redstone, Shreveport 71107  
St Luke (38) ..... Lynn Stewart, 1041 Chipper Lane, Keithville 71047  
St Paul (62) ..... Enid Lattier (Mrs. Robert), 6416 Jefferson-Paige Rd, Shreveport 71119  
Summer Grove (82) ..... Alice Broome (Mrs. E.M.), 9007 Blom Blvd, Shreveport 71118  
Trinity (9) ..... Shari Gibbs (Mrs. Claude), 4216 Barbara St, Shreveport 71109  
Zwolle (28) ..... Lauri Rives (Mrs. Hugh), Rt 3 Box 494, Zwolle 71486



LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

1991 BUDGET

<u>PLEDGE TO MISSION</u>	\$315,000.00
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE &amp; MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT</u>	
A. Travel Expenses: Mileage, lodging, insurance, Executive Committee for inconference events & responsibilities	5,000.00
B. Officer Resources, Service Center Mailing, etc.	100.00
C. District Administrative & Membership Development	14,295.00
D. Jurisdiction A & MD (1% of Pledge)	3,150.00
E. Schools of Christian Mission	
1. Regional	4,000.00
2. Conference	7,500.00
F. Programs and Events within Louisiana Conference	
1. Annual Meeting	1,200.00
2. District Elected Leaders Training	4,000.00
G. Attendance at Regional & National Events	
1. Assembly, 1994 (Cumulative 4 years)	2,300.00
2. Jurisdiction Meeting, 1992, (Cumulative 4 years)	600.00
3. National Seminar, 1991 (Cumulative 4 years)	250.00
4. Jurisdiction Local Woman Event	1,750.00
H. Operating Expenses	
1. Conference Directory	1,000.00
2. Newsletter	4,500.00
3. Postage	700.00
4. Office Supplies & Copying	750.00
5. Telephone	550.00
6. Audit	500.00
7. Honors & Memorials	300.00
I. Church Women United	250.00
TOTAL A&MD BUDGET FOR 1991	\$ 52,695.00
TOTAL CONFERENCE BUDGET FOR 1991	\$ 367,695.00

1990

PLEDGE	ACAD.	ALEX	B.R.	L.C.	MCN.	N.O.	N.S.	RUSTON	S'PORT	CONF.	TOTALS
	\$18,000	26,275	33,000	39,000	27,500	43,000	18,000	30,000	47,959	315,000	
UNDESIGNATED:											
Pledge to Mission	14317.58	19870.21	32655.46	35445.70	24045.74	37766.09	16085.78	24673.44	36753.71	2085.29	243,699.00
SMR Pin	1250.00	785.00	1720.00	1740.00	1170.00	1430.00	1300.00	2370.00	2240.00	2070.00	16,075.00
Gift to Mission Card	355.00	115.00	280.00	360.00	205.00	325.00	710.00	315.00	690.00	80.00	3,435.00
Gift in Memory	256.00	200.00	564.00	283.00	95.00	250.00	450.00	555.00	365.00	50.00	3,068.00
World Thank Offering	1475.47	1435.88	3113.71	3601.85	1311.28	1759.57	1763.63	3173.27	3114.83	160.48	20,909.97
Conf. Retiring Officers	155.00	165.00	180.00	450.00	150.00	293.00	170.00	300.00	217.50	(15.00)	2,065.50
Mission Candle	564.05	701.85	1214.60	1869.69	1210.53	1388.70	543.49	1059.15	1731.24		10,283.30
Mission Ribbons	161.00	261.00	125.00	128.00	175.00	216.00	185.00	33.00	258.05	1658.90	3,200.95
										3742.37	2,742.37
A Conference Offerings Income											
B Balance from Assembly Expense											
TOTAL ON PLEDGE	18534.10	23533.94	39852.77	43878.24	28362.55	43428.36	21207.90	32478.86	45370.33	9832.04	306,479.09
							Less A & MD Expense				
							TOTAL PAID ON PLEDGE				
										-36,342.99	
											\$270,136.10

DESIGNATED:

Call to Prayer	1026.89	1192.00	1797.65	1871.86	1167.06	1323.00	838.49	1579.10	2007.61		12,803.66
Supp. General Mission	205.00	359.00	25.00	450.83	75.00	405.00	147.85	605.25	80.00		2,352.93
World Mission	108.75			188.79	114.75	251.50	445.00	272.50	25.00		1,406.29
National Mission	822.55	170.00	2285.00	2292.62	363.75	1809.34	605.00	3005.00	2143.00		13,496.26
UMCOR	25.00						140.37	12.00	70.55		614.61
Crusade Scholarships			25.00								25.00
Directory	32.00	46.00	33.00	76.00	32.00	62.00	52.00	74.00	63.00	65.00	535.00
Estelle Dameron Sch.		110.00	50.00	107.50		185.00	146.00	85.00	5.00		688.50
Conf. A & MD Gifts	557.00	709.00	644.00	903.50	264.00	988.85	536.25	723.00	1012.00		6,337.60
TOTAL DESIGNATED	2777.19	2586.00	4859.65	5891.10	2016.56	5391.38	2910.96	6355.85	5406.16	65.00	38,259.85
TOTAL GIVING:	21311.29	26119.94	44712.42	49769.34	30379.11	48819.74	24118.86	38834.71	50776.49	9897.04	\$344,738.94

PAID ON PLEDGE 1990 \$270,136.10



# ADMINISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT BUDGET REPORT

1990

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Travel	\$ 6,150.00	\$ 4,424.29	\$1,725.71
Officer Resources	100.00	-0-	100.00
District A & MD	14,045.00	11,836.84	2,208.16
Jurisdiction A & MD	3,150.00	3,150.00	-0-
Schools of Christian Mission			
Regional	4,000.00	3,050.90	949.10
Conference	7,500.00	6,525.62	974.38
Program & Events			
Annual Meeting	1,200.00	798.37	401.63
DELT	4,000.00	3,836.74	163.26
Church Related Meetings	400.00	354.26	45.74
Retreat (Deposit 1991)	-0-	1,000.00	(1000.00)
Retreat Committee	100.00	-0-	100.00
Regional & National Events			
Assembly	2,300.00	2,300.00	-0-
Jurisdiction 1992	600.00	600.00	-0-
National Seminar 1991	250.00	250.00	-0-
Operating Expenses			
Conference Directory	1,000.00	1,050.44	(50.44)
Newsletter	4,000.00	3,946.28	53.72
Postage	700.00	775.51	(75.51)
Office Supplies & Copies	500.00	561.53	(61.53)
Telephone	500.00	519.54	(19.54)
Audit	500.00	500.00	-0-
Honors & Memorials	300.00	430.00	(130.00)
Church Women United	250.00	250.00	-0-
World Federation Methodist Women (1989 check returned)	-0-	-0-	200.00
TOTALS	\$51,545.00	\$46,160.32	\$5,584.68

EXPENSE GUIDELINES  
Louisiana Conference Executive Committee  
United Methodist Women  
(Amended 9/85)

United Methodist Women recognize the need to be an inclusive group and to have elected leaders who represent a diversity of age, race, economic background, and status of employment. To make this possible, a Budget for Conference Administration and Membership Development is approved annually to provide expenses for those chosen to serve in leadership positions. The following guidelines for reimbursement (along with the Conference Budget) seek to expand the concept of what it means to be in mission.

Expense vouchers are available from the conference treasurer and should be filled out in full when applying for reimbursement and submitted to the conference president, secretary and treasurer. Expenses for specific meetings should be turned in at the close of that meeting, if possible, or not later than the next week. Expense vouchers should be submitted within the quarter which the expense occurs when possible.

Leaders are advised to submit all legitimate expenses for doing their job well. If someone cares to donate supplies or services which normally would be covered under these guidelines, please submit those charges and then endorse the check (or refund part of it) directly to the conference treasurer.

Conference officers are asked to pay their own registration fees to Conference events without reimbursement. She is often expected to pay her own room, meal, and travel expenses and then turn that amount in for reimbursement. If this arrangement causes personal hardship, a cash advance to cover expected costs may be requested from the conference treasurer.

Every call letter or written announcement of upcoming events requiring "official participation" of conference leaders shall mention further specific plans for financial arrangements not delineated herein (such as whether the individual leaders will pay or sign for meals and lodging).

The following limitations should be noted:

A. Travel Expenses

1. Thirteen (13) cents per mile shall be allowed for travel by car. When a van is used with six (6) or more people in the pool, mileage will be paid at 25¢ a mile. No mileage will be paid to anyone who chooses not to carpool. Any exceptions will be voted on by the Conference Administrative Committee. When district and conference officers travel together with expenses provided by their respective organizations, they shall submit pro rata shares of the expenses of these groups. Other riders shall assume their share of the expense.
2. Lodging may be reimbursed at a rate up to \$10 per person per day. Meals may be reimbursed at a rate up to \$12.50 per person per day (to be divided between meals as desired). Meals for events that are less than one day will be reimbursed at a rate up to \$2.50 for

breakfast, \$4.00 for lunch, and \$6.00 for dinner. When an event is held at a pre-selected site where these guidelines are inadequate, meals may be reimbursed as follows: \$2.50 for breakfast, \$5.50 for lunch and \$7.00 for dinner.

B. Officers Resources

Materials which are necessary for information and execution of your job (such as Service Center publications) may be purchased and become the property of the Conference organization. Most of this materials should be maintained in the files you keep and pass on to successors. Utmost care should be taken that we do not needlessly duplicate materials which cover overlapping concerns of other leaders.

C. Operating Expenses

Postage, office supplies, mimeographing charges, long distance telephone charges, and other miscellaneous charges are allowable. Receipts for these expenses are to be attached to the voucher. The use of professional secretarial services and large numbers of xerox copies are discouraged.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 9-10, 1990

The Executive Committee, Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women, met Friday and Saturday, February 9-10, 1990, at Tall Timbers Conference Center, Forest Hill, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order by Norma Winegeart, President.

Others in attendance were Sally Turner, Nancy Carruth, Seola Callahan, Marie Young, Lottie Palazzo, Betty Turner, Gladys Prillerman, Ola McNaughton, Mary Spell, Joyce Reed, Alice Irving, Judy Rountree, Mary Kay, Lois Heath, Kathryn Shea, Constance Abraham-Handy, Esther Sanson, Lueburda Myers, Celina Johnson, Marilyn Ray, Taylor Phillips, Betty Ferrington, Sylvia Redman, Dot Pierce, Maxie Garrett, Elouise Sanders, Mary Lou France, Wilma Crosby, Georgie Dunbar, Hubert Blanchard, Betty Carlin, Dorothy Dunbar and Marilyn Oden.

Celina Johnson, Christian Personhood Coordinator, led the opening worship from the New United Methodist Hymnal, An Order for Evening Praise and Prayer.

**APPOINTMENTS** - The president appointed Mary Lou France and Betty Turner to review the minutes.

Norma reported that Past-President Janelle McCammon has had the flu and is just returning to therapy. She is continuing to improve. Everyone signed a card to be sent to her from this meeting.

**MINUTES** - The minutes of the Executive Committee held September 14, 1989, and the minutes of the meeting held September 16, 1989, have been distributed and are printed in the Annual Report and Directory. Mary Lou France moved that they be approved. Seconded and carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE** - A letter was received from Maryruth Nickels regarding the resignation of Nadine Hardin. A new volunteer consultant in the Undesignated Giving Program will be assigned in the next few weeks. Taylor Phillips received a letter from Women's Division requesting information with regard to work within our Conference with incarcerated women. Also requested were names of those interested in attending a workshop at Assembly related to this concern. Reply is to be made by February 16.

**OFFICER REPORTS** - A complete copy of each report is on file with the president, vice-president, and secretary, including details of the following highlights.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** - Mary F. Spell reported we did not meet our 1989 pledge, falling short by \$26,425.13 of our \$300,000.00 goal and \$4,472.04 short of the amount we gave in 1988.

Each district has received one-half of their Administration and Membership Development budget funds for a total of \$6,925.00. The January issue of the Conference newsletter was published and mailed at a cost of \$1,253.82. Other A&MD expenses in 1990 have been for the mailing permit, postage for UMW Sunday letters, a Task Force meeting for Annual Meeting, an Administrative Committee Meeting, plus telephone and other officer postage and supplies. Also, we have paid \$500.00 to the treasurer for Annual Meeting.

Special Mission Recognition and Gifts to Mission for this year total \$2,330.00. In January \$77.00 was received for Mission Ribbons. We have a 12 month Certificate of Deposit in the amount of \$21,659.26 at 7.50% and a 3 month C.D. in the amount of \$5,366.82 at 6.75%.

Submit vouchers verified by receipts when possible and within the months they occur. Our records are now being sent to the auditor on a quarterly basis so we need to keep records up to date.



**MOTION WAS MADE BY JUDY ROUNTREE TO RENEW OUR INSURANCE POLICY THAT EXPIRES MARCH 1, 1990 AND PAY THE ADVANCE PREMIUM OF \$100.00. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - Norma Winegeart reported that since Annual Meeting in September she has driven approximately 4,500 miles in the name of United Methodist Women. She has spoken for UMW Sunday in Oil City, Mooringsport and DeQuincy; and still has appointments to speak at Grace Church, Ruston and Horseshoe Drive Church in Alexandria. Many meetings are church Conference meetings which she attends "by virtue of office."

The Administrative Committee met in Baton Rouge during the Convocation of Boards to meet deadlines prior to this meeting date. The Agenda listing and actions follow.

Jurisdiction Event "Each Local Woman: Claiming Our Heritage in Mission." We asked each district to submit 3 applicants. We received replies from only Lake Charles and Shreveport Districts. We were allowed to nominate six from the Conference to the Core Planning Group, who will make the final selections. Our nominees are: Donna Bergstedt, First Church, Lake Charles; Doris Brown, St. James, Shreveport; Carrie Lee W. Diaz, Warren, Lake Charles; Mary Jo Monzingo Duddy, Love Chapel, Haughton; Debora P. Dupye, Jewella, Shreveport; and Mary L. Jones, Warren, Lake Charles.

Assembly - Details were in January Newsletter. Registration is near the 10,000 limit. Our rooms at the Hyatt Regency, Crown Center are filled. As soon as they fill the quota of 10,000, a computer printout of those registered from each Conference will be sent to the Conference president. Special assignments for responsibilities during the Assembly are: to make and carry the Conference fabric poster, Judy Rountree; to serve communion, Norma Winegeart and Betty Ferrington; to carry the offering, Mary Spell; to sing in the choir, Taylor Phillips and Seola Callahan. Celina Johnson and Taylor Phillips were asked to participate in the Intercessory Prayer Room; Marilyn Ray received 159 unit membership lists for the "Wall of Witnesses" exhibit; and Lois Heath will be involved in a survey of resource utilization.

The Charter for Racial Justice Policies Committee met this afternoon. They decided to try to do a few things well, rather than try to do a lot of things. They will ask the Annual Meeting Program Committee for time on the program to present a short skit. They also plan to put a copy of the Charter in every packet, along with an information sheet. The committee will meet again at School of Christian Mission in July.

Orientation in Mission - for racial ethnic women 35 or under, September 28-October 2, 1990 in New York City. This event is sponsored and funded by the Women's Division to foster a deeper understanding of and commitment to the missional outreach of United Methodist Women and the Women's Division. We are one of ten conferences selected to nominate eight persons for participation. Of these eight, 2 must be Native American, 2 Hispanic, 2 Asian, 2 Black. We are working on this, but if you have any special names to submit please give them to the President right away. They must fill out an application form and get it back to her by March 15. The Women's Division will make the final selection of approximately 25 participants.

Mission Education Training Event - Workers with Children - June 1-3, 1990, Scarritt-Bennett Center, Nashville. About 25 persons have been selected to participate in this event, including our nominee, Evelyn Evans. For this event the Women's Division is giving only a \$25.00 travel subsidy. & The Administrative Committee requests that our Committee on Finance consider adding an additional amount to defray Evelyn's expenses.

Plan II - Once each fiscal year a member of the Women's Division or a staff person may come to an annual conference conference at Division expense. The Division will pay travel; the Conference pays for room and board. The Administrative Committee recommends that we apply for these funds for the travel of Leora Hatch to our School of Christian Mission. Leora is a director of the Women's Division from Miami, Florida and will be teaching a class on Central America. The Executive Committee must approve this request.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY WILMA CROSBY AND SECONDED BY CELINA JOHNSON THAT WE REQUEST THE WOMEN'S DIVISION TO PAY THE TRAVEL FOR LEORA HATCH TO COME TO SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION 1990. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Plan I - Within the quadrennium a conference representative of United Methodist Women, selected by the conference, will be granted opportunity to attend one Women's Division meeting at Division expense. The Division determines the event and issues the invitation. The Administrative Committee nominates Norma Winegeart. The Executive Committee must approve this request.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY TAYLOR PHILLIPS THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE'S NOMINATION OF NORMA WINEGEART TO ATTEND A WOMEN'S DIVISION EVENT AT DIVISION EXPENSE BE ACCEPTED. MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Special Mission Recognition at Annual Conference - Any suggestions for this recognition should be given to the president during this meeting.

**APPOINTMENT: Standing Rules/Guidelines** - The president appointed Betty Ferrington to this committee in the place of Janelle McCammon who is unable to serve in this capacity at this time.

Standing Rules/Guidelines Committee was asked by the president to arrange the Standing Rules/Guidelines in the same order as the Constitution and Bylaws. Any change of wording in the Standing Rules would require approval by the Conference; rearrangement of the order, would not.

The Gathering - Part of the Bishops' Initiative: Vital Congregations-Faithful Disciples will be held in Ft. Worth, October 31-November 3, 1990. Bishop Oden requested that the UMW send a representative. Seola Callahan's name has been submitted. This was referred to the Finance Committee for possible funding.

Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Offering Funds - Requests have been received from: Rainbow Child Care Center/Evening Care of Slidell, approved by the Administrative Committee; and Rev. Lance E. Brown and Don't Abuse the Children Theatrical Awareness Program, Inc. of Bossier City, not approved.

New Missionaries - Three young people from the Bethany UMC, New Orleans, are workers on the mission field. Denise Hygh is a US-2 at the Moore Community Center, Biloxi, Mississippi. Karen Johnson Ujereh and Sebastian Ujereh are at the Mission Resource Center in Atlanta, Georgia. Karen has been appointed to be the financial representative for the Southern Zaire Annual Conference. These young people will be acknowledged at Annual Meeting.

**IMMEDIATE PAST SECRETARY** - Sally Turner delivered the Annual Report and Directory 1989-1990. Directory lists include reference to the Handbook for office designation. Directories were printed at a cost of \$1,585.44. Only \$1,000.00 was budgeted. We need to stress the \$2.00 donation for each Directory. Rev. Wayne Evans wrote the dedication to Janelle.

**SECRETARY** - Seola Callahan reported that she had received five District Newsletters and asked that all the Conference Officers be put on the mailing list for each district.



**VICE PRESIDENT** - Betty Ferrington reported she had attended a lot of meetings including among others, a Child-Advocacy meeting, Convocation of Boards, School of Christian Mission Committee, Task Group for Annual Meeting, and Administrative Committee. She participated in District Elected Leader's Training and Local Elected Leaders Training, taught the study of Psalms and has been guest speaker on a number of different occasions. She concluded her report with: "A lot of meetings? Yes! However, just as dollars are translated into mission, so are all the above mentioned meetings. I count it a privilege to have been 'in mission' so actively since last we met."

**CHRISTIAN PERSONHOOD COORDINATOR** - Celina Johnson reported eight district coordinators at District Elected Leader's Training. They are working on assignments for School of Christian Mission and for the display at Regional School on "How the Gospel has been interpreted through Black Culture."

**SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY COORDINATOR** - Taylor Phillips reported six coordinators attended DELT. They were given a 5-Year plan from the Women's Division for the Campaign for Children, a copy of a skit and a list of ideas that can be used in the local unit. Copies of the skit will be mailed to the District Presidents. Taylor helped organize a new unit at Trinity Church in Jennings and spoke at their UMW Sunday celebration.

**CHRISTIAN SOCIAL INVOLVEMENT COORDINATOR** - Georgie Dunbar and the district coordinators have been active in a number of different areas including wetlands, pollution, children and child care, South Africa sanctions and abortion. Georgie attended the Convocation of Boards of Church and Society in Albuquerque, New Mexico and Baton Rouge. She reminded the group that we must not be "lukewarm" but must speak out and give positive leadership. She gave "how to" suggestions. There is a special need to communicate with the legislative leaders and let them know where we stand. We specifically need to write to Governor Roemer and ask him to support the Governor's Coordinating Council of Services for Children. Georgie's closing statement: "Let us be the salt that helps to season the world, making it more in keeping with what God intended it to be."

**CHRISTIAN GLOBAL CONCERNS COORDINATOR** - Wilma Crosby reported seven coordinators attended DELT. Wilma will do the Excellence of Studies displays at School of Mission this year. She is still sending Gift to Mission cards to Missionaries. Wilma sent a letter of resignation to the Nominating Committee effective the end of this year.

**SECRETARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES** - Lois Heath reported attendance of five district secretaries at DELT. Packets were distributed and a good training session was held. Lois participated in her local church celebration of UMW Sunday; fourteen women joined her unit. She asked each person to get at least one new subscription to Response.

**COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS** - Gladys Prillerman thanked the Executive Committee for input to the Talent Bank Information reported to the Jurisdiction Committee and the Conference Committee. The Conference Committee will meet tomorrow to consider the following positions to be filled: Vice-President, Secretary for Financial Interpretation, Supportive Community Coordinator, Christian Social Involvement Coordinator, Christian Global Concerns Coordinator, Committee on Nominations Chairperson and District Members for the Lake Charles, Ruston and Shreveport District.

**COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP** - Marilyn Ray reported that she mailed letters and report forms concerning UMW Sunday observance to 350 local presidents. She asked for help in getting all units to report their observance to the District Membership Chairperson. A committee goal is to seek ways to increase membership.

**SECRETARY FOR FINANCIAL INTERPRETATION** - Judy Rountree reporting: "I have never had to stand before you before and say we did not make our pledge. This is truly a new

experience. Why didn't we make our pledge? We stepped out in faith--I'm very proud of that fact. When we set this pledge, we knew \$25,000 was not visible yet we took a giant step. Does this mean that all was in vain? I think not. If your goals are always attainable, you will never know the challenge of growing. A pledge is a goal not a debt to be paid. If the desired goal is not met, then it is continued until it is met.....Careful study will show us where we have been successful and where we need to continue to work.....There are many valid reasons why we did not make our goal. However, when we all catch the vision of our world that Christ had when he said 'Feed my Sheep' to Peter, none of these now valid reasons will seem important." Judy gave a list of comparison 1988 and 1989 giving. There were 4,000 mission ribbons ordered for UMW Day; all were sold. Judy asked District Presidents to provide her with names and addresses of local units left blank in the Directory. She will need this information for the Mission Candle mailout. She ended by saying, "We will try to speak about the results of finance, telling again the story of how our mission dollars make God's work happen in the world."

**DISTRICT REPORTS** - Reports are on file from each district including details of the following highlights:

**ACADIANA DISTRICT** - Dorothy Dunbar, District President, reported a good Local Elected Leaders Training held at Indian Bayou. Some areas were combined for small group sessions and we also met as a total group.

**ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT** - Esther B. Sanson, District President, reported that the Executive Committee met and all of the Conference Goals were accepted. A district retreat is planned for March 24 at Pollock with Rev. Fay Barr-Hartung leader. 100% UMW units turned in Annual Evaluation Reports, participated in Call to Prayer and Self-Denial and Pledge programs. The 1989 pledge was overpaid. Only one unit did not take World Thank Offering or celebrate UMW Sunday. The units are involved in many different programs and projects. My goal as District President is to visit each local unit and go over the evaluation form with them, and to promote regular and better communication between the local units and the District Mission Team. The District has chartered a bus for Assembly; thirteen units will be represented.

**BATON ROUGE DISTRICT** - Alice Irving, District President, reported that the Baton Rouge-Hammond District Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, October 7, 1989 and the Baton Rouge Organizational Meeting was held on Sunday, October 8, 1989. Baton Rouge District is now ready to make a difference in 1990. LEIT was held at Ingleside UMC in Baton Rouge with 65 in attendance. All but one unit in the Baton Rouge-Hammond District has sent in Evaluation Reports. Several members are planning to attend Assembly. Special 1990 District Team emphases will be Campaign for Children and working to help less active local units become more active.

**LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT** - Mary Lou France, District President, reported 100 in attendance at LEIT. It was one of our best training events and we liked having it after DELT. The first 1990 Newsletter was mailed in January listing district officers, 1990 calendar, Conference goals, names of units (4) who have not submitted president's reports, and urging Assembly attendance. A bus will be going from the Lake Charles District. We hosted a reception for the Lake Charles District Church secretary who is moving away and has been very helpful to the District Team especially in publishing the Newsletter. We have a new unit at Trinity UMC, Welsh. We overpaid our 1989 pledge. Our first Executive Committee meeting will be February 24.

**MONROE DISTRICT** - Marie Young, District President, reported the first Executive Committee meeting was held in November with outgoing and new officers. Each quarter there will be an Executive Committee meeting and a Newsletter will be mailed out. 1990 will be a busy year for us as we plan and host Annual Meeting September 14 and 15. We are praying nothing will happen to make us wait another year. Since our district is so large, our Membership Chairperson is planning to hold four workshops. Most units observed UMW Sunday. Our Spring Retreat will be held



April 21 at Wesley Foundation on NLU campus; Mrs. Louise Thomas will be the speaker. All teachers have been secured for our District Mini-School of Mission to be held August 18 in Rayville. Norma Winegeart will be our District Annual Meeting speaker on October 13 at First UMC Tallulah. We overpaid our pledge again for the second year. We have 100% evaluation reporting. We are working to reorganize units that have disbanded and to organize new units.

**NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT** - Lottie Palazzo, District President, reported beginning a new District is a challenge. Two Annual Meetings were held back-to-back; one on Saturday, the other the next day. A "Day-Apart/Retreat" is planned for March 24. The District Team will use the shepherding program in 1990. Pat Cobb published the first Newsletter in January. Five Mission Team members and many local unit members will attend Assembly. Communication is very bad in the New Orleans area. Not all evaluations are in; there are several blanks in the new Directory under Local Presidents.

Lottie announced she will be in charge of the Learning Center at Conference School of Mission. Districts may choose the area for which they will make a display. District Presidents turn in your choice before leaving this meeting. All others wishing to have a display should advise Lottie.

**NORTH SHORE DISTRICT** - Dorothy Pierce, District President, reported the Organizational Meeting was held on June 3, 1989; further plans were made on August 22, 1989. The first Annual Meeting was held October 8. We had 100% District Officer attendance at DELT and the best attendance we have ever had at LELT. The Executive Mission Team met December 1, 1989. Several District officers participated in UMW Sunday and all are visiting in various units. The first Newsletter was published in January. We are planning to use the Shepherd program. We have a prayer chain. Two units that were disbanded have reorganized this year. We also have three units that are organized and call themselves UMW units, but do not contribute funds through UMW, use the programs or turn in reports. We will visit these units and "set them back on the right track."

**RUSTON DISTRICT** - Elouise Sanders, District President, reported nine District Officers attended DELT. The District Mission Team met November 18 and made plans for 1990, adopted goals and set up dates for the District events. March 4 - Spring Meeting, Wesley Chapel UMC, Speaker: Betty Ferrington. May 5 - Retreat, Caney Conference Center, Leader: Carolyn Brannon Volentine. August 25 - Mini-School of Mission. October 6 - District Annual Meeting, First UMC, Homer. We are 100% in evaluation reporting showing an increase in pledges and undesignated giving and good participation in district meetings, the reading program and mission studies. We overpaid our pledge.

**SHREVEPORT DISTRICT** - Betty Turner, District President, reported the District Annual meeting was held October 14, 1989 in the morning with Local Leaders Training in the afternoon. We had an attendance of 115. We will not have both meetings on the same day in 1990. We made plans for 1990 and accepted the Conference Goals as our goals. Our Spring Retreat will be held earlier than usual this year because we have a lot of members attending Assembly in May. We will publish three Newsletters: March, June, September. We overpaid our pledge for 1989 and we received 100% evaluation reports.

**NEW OFFICER TRAINING EVENT** - Marilyn Ray was unable to attend the event. Fannie Reddix was absent but sent a report. Norma read portions of the report which included a review of the program and officer training, and some of the experiences at Women's Division and in New York. Fannie expressed her appreciation to UMW for this opportunity.

**COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS TRAINING** - Sandra Thomas was unable to attend this event. Annie Lincoln and Mary Kay represented the Conference Committee on Nominations. Discussion topics were: Tenure and Inclusiveness. Workshop topics were: Working with Procedures,

Officer Job Descriptions, and Working with District Committees. The closing session was: Making It Work Back Home. The training event was informative, motivating and filled with enthusiasm.

ASSEMBLY - Betty Ferrington stated one of the instructions she received when she went to NOTE was not to wear nametags outside the meeting area. We will receive Assembly nametags but there is no need to have Conference nametags. Some women have asked about souvenirs from Louisiana. Betty went to the Department of Culture and Tourism; they gave her 800 stick-on Louisiana seals. We have 100 going to Assembly; each can have 8 seals. She suggested that we put one seal on the Louisiana pin we wore to the last Assembly and give 7 away. They also gave her 250 souvenir bags. Mary Spell will check on Tabasco Sauce and rice bag souvenirs. Norma suggested those who wanted to wear the Louisiana UMW T-shirts do so on Friday.

The meeting was recessed by President Winegeart. Betty Ferrington offered the closing prayer.

President Norma Winegeart called the morning session to order. Taylor Phillips gave the devotional. She read from the Sermon on the Mount and challenged the group to strengthen our commitment to "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM - Betty Ferrington, Vice President, reporting gave the following Calendar information:

March 15-17 Church Women United State Assembly will be held

Jefferson United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge.

Dates for the In Conference Workshops have all been confirmed.

Date for the 1991 Retreat has not been set due to illness of

Janelle McCammon, Retreat Task Group Chairperson.

District Elected Leaders' Training - Seola Callahan reporting. DELT was held at Tall Timbers Conference Center near Alexandria November 3 & 4, 1989. The attendance was good; 106 attended. There was good fellowship, spiritual enrichment and training. There was good leadership and good participation. The evaluations overall were excellent. She said, "I believe it is worth the extra time and money to provide an overnight training experience for our District Elected Leaders. If this was a Super meeting---and it was--- it was the result of Team effort."

Annual Meeting - Betty Ferrington stated that she was well pleased with the program at Annual Meeting as it related to getting the information about the Campaign for Children back to the local unit and to inspire them to go home and get busy doing something. The program is included in the 1990 Directory.

Planning session for the 1990 Annual Meeting was held in January in Monroe. Bea Moak and Christine Coleman are Chair and Assistant Chair for the meeting. Gloria Bennett and Lou Medlock are Local-Arrangements Chairpersons. Since we did not make the Pledge this year we felt that we really needed to do something to make people aware of what it means to pledge. This will not be a financial meeting, but we want to inspire people to know that they are in mission. The theme is "Links In Mission." Sue Johnson and Amy Ward have been invited to be on the program. Denise Hygh will also be asked. Marta Sanfiel will lead the worship.

Evaluations are to help us in planning for the next event. There is not much we can do about the food, air-conditioning, rooms, etc. It would help if we talk about evaluations in the Districts. Wilma Crosby suggested that a statement be put in the Newsletter or on the Evaluation. Example: "You come with a Christian spirit, you come to accept the things that we have to work with, or under..." and so forth, "to accept what is there." We don't want participants to quit filling out the evaluations; but criticism is not needed about things over which we have no control.



Children's Advocacy - Betty Ferrington attended a meeting for coordinating efforts throughout the Conference. Betsy Irvine, Louisiana Crosslines, initiated the meeting. Norma Winegeart, Judy Rountree and Betty Ferrington had a followup meeting with Betsy and several others. Crosslines wants to put out a "How To" booklet and would like to go through the UMW for distribution. To do so might cause this to become a UMW project, leaving out the rest of the church. It was suggested that Crosslines go to the District Councils on Ministries and work with people on the district level, letting them claim ownership and involving the whole church.

World Federation of Methodist Women - newsletters were given to anyone who wanted one. Betty attended a state meeting in New Orleans in August. Lottie Palazzo attended a spin-off meeting in New Orleans.

Goals that were sent out from the Conference Executive Committee have been adopted by some of the Districts. The Conference cannot do anything; if it doesn't happen in the local unit, it doesn't happen. Betty asked, "If we included goals on the agenda for the business session for Annual Meeting and have them adopted by that session, do you think this would help?" It was the general consensus that this action would help the local unit claim ownership.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY TAYLOR PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY MARIE YOUNG THAT CONFERENCE GOALS BE PRESENTED FOR ADOPTION AS PART OF THE AGENDA OF THE BUSINESS SESSION AT ANNUAL MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Mary Spell reported \$273,564.87 was sent undesignated to missions in 1989. The Conference Pledge to Missions for 1990 is \$315,000. The Finance Committee will meet April 21. Some items to be addressed: Handling of Mission Candle monies, District credit for ribbon sales, paying expenses for representatives to attend meetings not paid by Womens' Division.

GREETINGS FROM MARILYN ODEN - Marilyn expressed her joy at being able to be with us in this meeting, and in this Conference. One of her delights, and that of Bishop Oden, is to visit in the local churches and meet the people.

NEWSLETTER - Nancy Carruth distributed extra copies of the January Newsletter. She thanked the District Presidents, and the District Secretaries, for the manner in which the mailing labels were received this year. There was much improvement. School of Mission Newsletter deadline for material to reach Nancy is March 15; July 1 for the Annual Meeting Newsletter.

STANDING RULES AND GUIDELINES - Constance Abraham-Handy reported the committee will meet April 21 to consolidate all the approved changes of Standing Rules into one document and to change the order to coincide with the order of the Constitution and Bylaws. And, to do the same for Guidelines.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION - Ola McNaughton reported a good planning meeting; minutes are on file with the president, vice-president and secretary. Rev. Rosemary Brown will teach Galatians and will do the closing for both schools. We have asked to have as many classrooms on the first floor as possible. Registration and housing will be done differently this year in an effort to improve the procedure.

WEST GULF REGIONAL SCHOOL - Judy Rountree reported that this will be at Centenary June 16-20 this year for the first time. Margaret Bryan has submitted a cover design for the school. Evelyn Evans, Local Arrangements Chairperson, asked the Executive Committee discuss furnishing transportation from the airport to Centenary College. Shreveport District will do this.

JURISDICTION CORE PLANNING GROUP - Lueburda Myers will attend the March meeting at Mt. Sequoyah. She asked anyone that knew of a place in our Conference where we might

host one of these meetings to let her know. Lueburda chaired the Local Member Leadership Development Emphasis, served as secretary of this group and as chair for the Revision of the Jurisdiction Standing Rules. She reported on plans that have been made for Jurisdiction programs.

Grants from the Assembly Offering - Betty Ferrington asked about the procedure for receiving grants from the Assembly offering as this will come through Jurisdiction. Lueburda said guidelines will be set up at the March meeting. Judy Rountree will write Sandy Wilder also for this information.

**WOMEN'S DIVISION** - Hubert Blanchard expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to attend this meeting. He said, "I need some answers to questions if I am to serve you better as I represent you. What is my relationship to the Conference UMW? Am I expected to attend all the Conference Executive meetings?....be the liason between this Board and the General Board of Global Ministries?...to attend meetings of the General Board of Women's Division? Can I speak for you sometimes on your behalf? Can I represent the UMW Conference Board in New York with such questions as the Dulac problem? Are you happy about the Sager Brown property owned by Women's Division presently being rented out? Our Conference needs to know about service opportunity openings with the General Board. I will be glad to go anywhere in the Conference to talk about the General Board, be a part of studies on Guatemala or Central America or to tell about the Care/Help program." He said women play a very important part in the lives and the livelihood of the United Methodist Church and asked that the women of Louisiana encourage the men to become more active in the churches.

Norma Winegeart in answer to Hubert's questions: "I think the answer is 'yes' to all of the above. Some funding and mechanics need to be worked out. We want you to come to as many of our events as you can. You are considered a part of our group. Taylor Phillips will report on Sager Brown at the July meeting.

Regional School Committee - Judy Rountree is on the Regional School Committee and will be retiring this year. Three nominees are to be submitted to replace Judy; the Regional School Committee will select one of these.

**MOTION - JOYCE REED MADE THE MOTION THAT CELINA JOHNSON, SEOLA CALLAHAN AND MARILYN RAY BE NOMINATED TO SERVE ON THE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE. SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Excellence in Study - Wilma Crosby stated the Handbook requires only one study for Excellence of Study; we require two. Womens' Division make the minimum requirements. Our requirement will remain two studies this year until this can be researched.

Announcement - The Financial Interpreters will meet April 21 in Bunkie when the Finance Committee meets. District Presidents are invited.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned with prayer.

Examiners:  
Mary Lou France  
Betty Turner

Seola Callahan  
Secretary



LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
July 16, 1990

The Executive Committee, Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women, met Monday, July 16, 1990, at 6:30 p.m. at Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order by Norma Winegeart, President.

Present for the meeting were Georgie Dunbar, Mary Spell, Judy Rountree, Nancy Carruth, Celina Johnson, Fannie Reddix, Lois Heath, Sue Johnson, Sachi Kajiware, Joyce Reed, Wilma Crosby, Gladys Prillerman, Lueburda Myers, Taylor Phillips, Evelyn Evans, Constance Handy, Norma Winegeart, Seola Callahan and District Presidents Esther Sanson, Marie Young, Elouise Sanders, Betty Turner, Lottie Palazzo, Alice Irving, and Dorothy Pierce.

The opening worship was given by Norma Winegeart. The theme scripture was Isaiah 40:31, "Those who trust in the Lord for help will find their strength renewed. They will rise on wings like eagles." Norma said the Executive Committee members should be a Supportive Community, the "wind beneath the wings of the other 12,250 women in the Louisiana Conference and of those about us." Special concerns were listed. She closed with this prayer from the prayer calendar: "Let me choose life today, Lord. Send me forth to your vineyard to tend it and mend it with care and in peace. Amen" (-J. Barrie Shepherd, A Diary of Prayer.)

APPOINTMENTS - Wilma Crosby and Marie Young were appointed to review the minutes.

MINUTES - The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on February 9 and 10, 1990 were approved as printed and distributed.

CORRESPONDENCE - A note of appreciation was received from Maxie Garrett for memorial Gifts to Mission in memory of her husband and her father. A thank you note was received from Marilyn Oden for the Special Mission Recognition pin and certificate presented to her at Annual Conference.

MISSION TEAM REPORTS - Reports are on file from each officer including details of the following highlights:

PRESIDENT - Norma Winegeart reported that she has driven a total of 8,583 miles in the name of United Methodist Women since she was installed as President. Additional mileage includes flying to Kansas City to attend Assembly. She reports on the following activities:

Church Women United State Assembly - March 15-17, Jefferson United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge. Audrey Milo, a United Methodist Woman, is president. A visit to the women's prison at St. Gabriel was an outstanding part of the event.

Conference Site Committee - participated in the selection and was in favor of the Woodworth site which was selected and presented to the Annual Conference.

Board of Laity - met in Alexandria. All district presidents are members and should receive future notices.

The Assembly - May 3-6 in Kansas City. 132 persons from Louisiana were registered. Over 2,400 registrations were returned because the quota was filled. They did take more than the 10,000 limit as Lois Heath was number 10,116. Eight cancellations were filled with replacements. Some of the names submitted for the Wall of Witnesses were not included; no explanation was given for this. The Louisiana section will be on exhibit during the Annual Meeting in Monroe with space to add those

names not listed. The six delegates sent by the Conference had special assignments and appreciated being a part of the Assembly.

Annual Conference - June 4-7, Centenary campus. This was Norma's first experience as a voting delegate. She attended every session. The United Methodist Women had six minutes during the Laity session and another six minutes during the Laity Hour at which time the \$100 Special Mission Recognition pin and certificate were presented to Marilyn Oden.

West Gulf Regional School - June 16-20, Centenary campus. There were 342 attending, including Bishop Woodrow Hearn, president of the General Board of Global Ministries, 18 directors of the Women's Division and 10 staff people from the Women's Division and General Board. We did not have a full representation. Two of our study group leaders were not allowed to come because they could not attend the entire school. Georgie Dunbar, Marilyn Ray and Lois Heath were unable to attend. Sally Nash could have attended in Lois' place but this message was not received in time. Hubert Blanchard's registration was returned stating that he is not a member of the Women's Division. The president has talked to several people from the Women's Division and with Bishop Hearn. She has written to Randolph Nugent, General Secretary of the General Board of Global ministries and has asked that Hubert Blanchard's assignment be clarified. The Blanchards are in South America for the month of July. He has been to Central America with a group from the General Board and is willing to assist any local unit or district group with this study. A special thanks to the Shreveport District United Methodist Women for helping transport those who came to Regional School by air to and from the airport. Betty Turner and Evelyn Evans organized this service. Two husbands assisted - Ray Turner and Mel Mellinger.

Orientation in Mission Event in New York City, September 28 - October 2. Participants selected by the Women's Division are Agnes Billiot Verret of Dulac, Maryann Billiot Verret of Houma and Doris Brown of St. James Church in Shreveport. This event is designed especially for ethnic women 35 years of age or under. This might be an opportunity to revitalize United Methodist Women. The young women from Dulac need to be encouraged and we need a closer contact with the work at Dulac. Ground has just been broken for a new community center. Dulac will have a representative at Annual Meeting.

The Jurisdiction Event - "Each Local Woman: Claiming Our Heritage in Mission" will be held November 9-11 at Mt. Sequoyah in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Selected by the Jurisdiction Core Planning Group as our representatives are: Carrie Lee Diaz of Warren Church in Lake Charles and Doris Brown of St. James Church in Shreveport. Spin-off groups will be held later in 1991 in Cluster Groups...we will be with the Texas Conference, The Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences. Each conference will be asked to send 35 delegates to these events. The finance committee has been asked to consider this and has voted to partially fund it. Each Conference is to select a representative from the Executive Committee to complete the conference team of three persons. This person needs to be someone who will continue on the executive committee for at least two more years. We may select a nominee who will be elected in September. Norma suggested that we elect the nominee for conference vice-president. This matter will be addressed in the business portion of this meeting. The expenses for this team of three will be paid by the Core Planning Group.

The Charter for Racial Justice Policies - Committee will meet this week and work on a skit to be presented during Annual Meeting.

Norma stated that there would be no committee meetings during school registration. She urged all officers to be in James Dorm lobby to greet the people as they arrive. Also, to take officer up-date and plenary assignments. Everyone needs to fully participate in both schools. There is a need to be conservative in making copies. If extra things are needed or wanted by a class, take up money and get copies for only those who really want them.



Local Unit Evaluation reports were given to the president during the mid-year meeting in February. There was much confusion about reporting in the new realigned districts in the New Orleans and Baton Rouge areas. Therefore, we show a loss of 568 members and a decrease of units reporting from 304 to 290. The current number of members is 12,257. Districts vary in the number of units from 21 to 52. She hopes the next reporting will be better.

**VICE-PRESIDENT** - Betty Ferrington reported that she has been working with the Annual Meeting Task Group to secure speakers and has met with the Task Group Chair, Assistant Chair and the Conference President to formulate plans for DELT. She has talked to and corresponded with Janelle McCammon to plan the 1991 Retreat.

She was the speaker for the Ruston and Acadiana District Spring Meetings and helped with the music for the North Shore District Retreat. She taught the study on the Philippines to the Jefferson United Methodist Women in Baton Rouge. Betty attended the Committee Meeting for Standing Rules, Annual Conference Committee on Nominations, and Regional School. She was a delegate to Assembly and participated as a Communion server which she said, "was an experience I shall never forget. It truly brought new meaning to the word servant." In addition, she has corresponded with her district counterparts twice, up-dated the calendar and sent that information to the Conference Office and attended two meetings of the North Shore Executive Committee, wrote a skit and did the evaluations for the Conference School.

**SECRETARY** - Seola Callahan, secretary, asked the District Presidents to (1) encourage local units to submit \$2.00 for the directories, (2) remind local units to secure 1991 officer nominations in August for election in September in order to submit roster of officers to district secretaries by October 1, (3) stress the importance of accurate and prompt reporting, (4) stress the importance of properly preparing the address labels for the conference newsletter by following the instructions of the editor and using the labels provided, and (5) inform local units of their responsibility for submitting the name of the local president to Service Center for mailings sent from Women's Division.

**TREASURER** - Mary Spell, treasurer, gave the following report:

"At the end of the second quarter we have paid \$98,609.07 representing 31.3% of our Pledge to Mission. \$27,029.06 of the pledge funds received have been retained for A&MD expenses. The A&MD budget expenditure is \$20,556.70 or 39.9% of the budgeted amount. There is a current balance of \$31,557.61 in the checking account and Certificates of Deposit in the amount of \$21,659.26. One district has paid 55% of its pledge, five between 45% and 51%, two between 40% and 44% and one under 25% of their pledge."

**FINANCIAL INTERPRETER** - Judy Rountree reported Dulac Community Center scheduled ground breaking ceremonies July 15, 1990 for a new building to replace the one destroyed by Hurricane Juan in 1985. The approximately half a million dollar project is being funded by Women's Division as a result of undesignated giving by United Methodist Women across the globe. Louisiana could not do this alone. She asked the group to share this news with districts and local units. 1990 is the year targeted to raise \$24 million dollars undesignated for new missionary support; this goal will continue. Bishop Woodrow Hearn speaking to Regional School reported that 22 new missionaries were commissioned in two years, almost one a month. This is mission dollars. Some units are unsure that money is being spent wisely. Districts and Local Units need to hear the story of translation---dollars for gospel. It is everyone's responsibility to share the news. The Mission Candle Letter and Retiring Officers Letter were mailed to local units in April. Each district will take their portion of the Candle Book to their own annual meeting. The brochure for "31-derful Ways to Say Thanks" will be in the next issue of the newsletter. Work is being done to develop a financial certificate to award units who use all five channels of undesignated giving. Judy designed, made and carried the banner that represented Louisiana Conference at Assembly, participated in Regional School, wrote skits for Regional and Conference Schools, has written the Annual Meeting Pledge Service and will be doing the Mission Candle Book.

CHRISTIAN PERSONHOOD COORDINATOR - Celina Johnson attended Gulf Regional School and did the Louisiana Conference display for the Learning Center. She also attended Assembly. Districts have reported good Retreats and Days-Apart. Five district chairpersons have written meditations for the Suite Mate booklets for Conference School. Five districts have reported for the Reading Program.

(In answer to a question by Betty Ferrington, Celina requested Reading Program reports be submitted between July 15 and August 1, so that she would have ample time to prepare certificates for annual meeting.)

CHRISTIAN GLOBAL CONCERNS COORDINATOR - Wilma Crosby reported that she has been in contact with the District Coordinators but that communication is still a problem. She suggested that the forms and time of reporting for Excellence of Studies remain as they are. She proposed that recognition be given to churches that take any of the studies, but do not take action, by calling this Honor Roll and the names be read at District Annual Meeting. There are 52 receiving Excellence, 25 Participants, and 10 Honor Roll. Some responses to our Gift to Mission cards are displayed in the Learning Center. Wilma attended Assembly and Regional School.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY WILMA CROSBY THAT THERE BE RECOGNITION OF THE UNITS THAT TAKE ANY OF THE STUDIES BUT DO NOT MEET THE CRITERIA FOR EXCELLENCE OR PARTICIPATION, THAT THIS RECOGNITION BE CALLED "HONOR ROLL", AND THE NAMES OF THE UNITS BE READ AT THE DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS. SECONDED AND CARRIED.**

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL INVOLVEMENT COORDINATOR - Georgie Dunbar attended a Legislative Seminar in Baton Rouge sponsored by the Bishop, Assembly, Friends Day at Warren Church in Lake Charles. She and the District Coordinators continue to keep alert to issues affecting people throughout the world and reminding lawmakers of their responsibility concerning these needs by studying, writing letters, discussing the issues, telephoning and other means.

SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY COORDINATOR - Taylor Phillips asked that Campaign for Children contracts be sent in. The emphases for the next two years will be continuing to promote the five year plan for Campaign for Children and the implementation of the Charter for Racial Justice. The new handbook lists the Supportive Community Coordinator as the Peacekeeper in the Executive Committee by supporting issues actions through education of facts and reasons according to the Book of Resolutions and Social Principles of the United Methodist Church. Taylor was a delegate to Assembly and sang in the choir.

COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP - Marilyn Ray, Membership Chairperson, was unable to attend the meeting but sent her report. Reports were received from 222 units celebrating UMW Sunday, 22 more than in 1989. Unofficial conference membership reported is 11,375. Due to the reorganization of four districts and the fact that some active units did not report, this figure may not be accurate. Two new units have been organized: Convent in the New Orleans District and one in the Ruston District. Evangeline in the Baton Rouge District has been reorganized. Concerns to be addressed are (1) reclaim inactive members and units, (2) encourage prompt and accurate membership reporting, (3) promote Estelle Dameron Scholarship in all districts, and (4) plan membership campaigns and/or workshops to meet the conference goals.

SECRETARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES - Lois Heath expressed her appreciation for being elected a delegate to Assembly and gave a report of the event. She said that the cost of books ordered for School of Missions Resource Center total \$8,850.47.



**PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS SECRETARY** - Fannie Reddix reported that she had received newsletters from all nine districts. She prepared a photograph book of UMW events and it is on display in James Dormitory. Newspaper articles of District Annual Meetings should be sent to her, with photographs if possible.

**CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER** - Nancy Carruth, editor, reported that the Annual Meeting issue is at the printer's now and will go out August 15. This is the first paper with a new printer. She will need new sets of labels to send out the next issue. District Secretaries should follow instructions precisely in preparing the labels furnished by the editor. Newspaper deadlines to get material to the editor are January 1, April 1 and July 1.

**HISTORIAN** - Joyce Reed reported that she has not received the scrapbooks from the former Historian but is gathering articles to be added to them. Guidelines for Conference Historian are being updated and are being written for District Historians. Items that may be placed in the scrapbook are: (1) newspaper articles and pictures pertaining to Conference UMW, (2) photographs, (3) building dedication invitations and programs, (4) membership cards and pledge cards, and (5) nametags.

**COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS** - Gladys Prillerman, chairperson, reported that the committee has compiled and will be submitting for each current officer total years of service and offices held in Conference UMW.

The Committee on Nominations makes the following recommendations of nominees for officers and term of office:

Vice President	Betty Carlin (Mrs.)	2 years
Secretary for Financial Interpretation	Mary Quinones (Mrs.)	2 years
Mission Coordinator for: Christian Global Concerns	Mary Pollard (Mrs.)	1 year
Christian Social Involvement	Geneva Bell (Mrs.)	2 years
Supportive Community	Hilda Sills (Mrs.)	2 years
Committee on Nominations: Chairperson	Annie Lincoln (Miss)	1 year
Member Lake Charles District	Mary Lou France (Mrs.)	3 years
Member Ruston District	Jane Humble (Mrs.)	3 years
Member Shreveport District	Debra Dupyte (Mrs.)	3 years

Norma Winegeart asked for nominations from the Executive Committee, including those nominated for election at Annual Meeting, to complete the team of three members of the Jurisdiction Event "Each Local Woman: Claiming Our Heritage in Mission." Betty Carlin was elected contingent on her election as Conference Vice President.

**MISSION EDUCATION TRAINING EVENT FOR WORKERS WITH CHILDREN** - Evelyn Evans represented the Louisiana Conference at this event held June 1-3, 1990 at Scarritt-Bennett Center in Nashville, Tennessee. She reported that the meetings were held in the Laskey Library and the leaders were Ann Eaton of Women's Division and Cecile Beam of the General Board of

Discipleship. Lab school format was used with children of several different ethnic groups participating. The workshop closed with an evaluation session and a worship service celebrating both children and Pentecost. Evelyn said that she would like to see our Conference and United Methodist Women encourage participation of children in mission studies. As a beginning she would like to attend as many district mini-mission workshops as possible and present a session on utilizing the study "Gospel, Culture and the Media" with children.

**COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM** - Betty Ferrington, chairperson, reported that the committee had met and elected Lois Heath assistant chairperson and Mary Quinones secretary.

1991 Annual Meeting - will feature the local unit in mission, sort of "the buck starts here" focus. Thelma Johnson will be the keynote speaker and the event will be held at Henning Memorial United Methodist Church in the Lake Charles District.

1990 Annual Meeting - will be held at First United Methodist Church, Monroe, Bea Moak, chairperson. The theme for this meeting is "Links to Mission". Keynote speaker is Sandy Wilder, Secretary for Financial Interpretation of the Women's Division.

1990 District Elected Leaders Training - Elouise Sanders, chairperson, reported that the theme would be "Links in Mission" as a continuation of the Annual Meeting. The event will be held at Tall Timbers October 26 and 27. Additional time will be allotted this year for training district officers. Flyers were distributed. District Presidents were asked to submit names of those attending by October 12. Elouise stated that this is a team effort and requires the cooperation of everyone in preparation and presentation to be a success.

1991 Conference Retreat - Janelle McCammon is chairperson for the event to be held at Tall Timbers March 1-3. Marilyn Oden will be the Retreat Leader.

Calendar - The Calendar was updated and will be distributed at Annual Meeting.

Goals - Betty Ferrington stated that the Program Committee had a good goal setting session, discussing the dreams and visions for the Conference, meaning the districts and the local organizations, as well as the Conference Executive Committee. The Program Committee presented the following proposed goals for 1990-1991 for approval and presentation to the Annual Meeting.

To fulfill the purpose of United Methodist Women in 1991 we propose the following goals to Local Units, District and Conference organizations:

To know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ by:

1. promoting use of the Prayer Calendar
2. promoting spiritual growth through reading and study  
(Christian Personhood)

To develop a creative, supportive fellowship by:

1. establishing and using an Intercessory Prayer Chain
2. continuing the promotion of the Campaign for Children
3. implementing the Charter for Racial Justice through planned dialogue between races thereby helping to dispel fears, myths and prejudices  
(Supportive Community)
4. providing opportunities for prospective members to become involved in mission.  
(Membership)

To expand concepts of mission by:

1. centering programs around the Program Book, Annual Report of Women's Division, Response and New World Outlook magazines  
(Vice Presidents)
2. participating in current mission studies making every effort to include the total church  
(Christian Global Concerns)
3. being responsible Christian Citizens who study and take action on issues affecting social justice  
(Christian Social Involvement)
4. participating as links in global ministry through pledge as individual members, units, district and conference organizations.  
(Finance and Christian Global Concerns)

Sue Johnson, Regional Staff Person, expressed concern at being able to measure these goals. Wilma Crosby explained that measurement would be done primarily through the district coordinators as discussed by the Program Committee. Judy Rountree stated that the goals were worded in a manner so as to promote ownership beyond the conference level. Betty Ferrington explained that when the goals are presented at Annual Meeting it will be the first time that they will be voted on, except for approval by the Executive Committee, and at that time it will be stated that they will be implemented through the local unit. Each goal has offices that will be responsible for implementing them. It is hoped that all the goals will be presented to each officer at District Elected Leaders Training and again at Local Elected Leaders Training.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY BETTY FERRINGTON THAT THE PROPOSED GOALS FOR 1990-1991 BE APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR PRESENTATION TO THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR ADOPTION. SECONDED AND CARRIED.**

School of Christian Mission 1990 & 1991 - Gladys Prillerman, Assistant Dean for 1990, reported that everything is in place for school to begin tomorrow. As 1991 Dean she reported that some teachers have been secured.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** - Mary Spell, chairperson, stated that the Finance Committee had met April 21 and July 16. The Conference Pledge to Mission will remain at \$315,000 for 1991. The Conference A&MD budget was set for \$52,695 making a total Conference budget of \$367,695. This is a proposed budget and will be presented for adoption at the Conference Annual Meeting. The Financial Consultant from Women's Division, Sachi Kajiwaru, was present for the July meeting.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY MARY SPELL THAT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET TO BE PRESENTED TO THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR ADOPTION BE ACCEPTED. SECONDED AND CARRIED.**

**WOMEN'S DIVISION FINANCIAL CONSULTANT** - Sachi Kajiwaru is assigned to the area of undesignated giving. She reminded the group that the Louisiana Conference did not meet the pledge for 1989. In the 1964 agreement the Women's Division retained the property but gave up the administration of National and World Division properties. After inspection of the properties and finding that they have not been kept up, the Women's Division is now considering taking them back. This can't be done without funding. Costs continue to rise. Through undesignated giving individuals are encouraged to increase their giving. There are four phases that the Women's Division has been following to do this. Sachi said that as she studied what had been done in the Louisiana Conference we are into the fifth phase which is the Conference Treasurer, Secretary for Financial Interpretation



and Committee on Finance plan and implement plan to increase undesignated giving as an ongoing part of the program. She commended the Conference on the implementation of the first four phases and proposed that she meet with the Conference Finance Committee including the nine district Treasurers and the nine district Financial Interpreters to complete phase five sometime before the end of 1990. Women's Division will help fund this meeting.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY MARY SPELL THAT A PHASE 5 PROGRAM OF UNDESIGNATED GIVING MEETING BE HELD DECEMBER 1 AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN PINEVILLE. SECONDED AND CARRIED.**

COMMITTEE ON STANDING RULES - Constance Abraham-Handy, chairperson, reported that the committee met and made editorial changes in the Standing Rules to change the order to coincide with the order of the Constitution and Bylaws. Recommendations for changes in Standing Rules must be published in the Newsletter 30 days before Annual Meeting. They would need to be presented to the Executive Committee at the mid-year meeting. There were no recommendations for changes in the Guidelines.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY CONSTANCE ABRAHAM-HANDY THAT THE EDITORIAL CHANGES RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON STANDING RULES BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE STANDING RULES AND COPIES PRESENTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT THE SEPTEMBER 13 MEETING. SECONDED AND CARRIED.**

REGIONAL SCHOOL - Judy Rountree completed a three year term on the Regional School Planning Committee and Celina Johnson has been elected to this office. Celina reported that 1990 Regional School held at Centenary received many compliments. The 1991 school will also be held at Centenary. She will serve on the Worship Committee. Louisiana Conference will be responsible for the table graces. Celina requested that one member of the Executive Committee write a meditation to be included in the booklet. Seola Callahan will do this. Evelyn Evans, Local Arrangements Chairperson, reminded the group that this is a Conference event and members need to accept more responsibility. The committee will meet again March 1-3, 1991 at Centenary.

CORE PLANNING GROUP - Lueburda Myers reported that she had attended the spring meeting at Mt. Sequoyah. Plans are being made for "Each Local Woman: Claiming Our Heritage In Mission" and for the Quadrennial Meeting to be held at Fairmont Hotel, Dallas, April 3-5, 1992. President's Consultation will be April 5-7, 1991 in El Paso, Texas. Lucy Burciaga of the Rio Grande Conference will visit Louisiana Conference and Lueburda will visit the Rio Grande Conference the week end of October 5-6, 1990. The first Core Planning Group directory has been published and distributed. She attended Assembly and participated as a communion server.

REGIONAL STAFF PERSON - Sue Johnson expressed her appreciation for the manner in which Louisiana Conference officers act and inter-act beyond the conference level. She would like to visit projects in Louisiana, specifically Dulac and MacDonell's, to become more familiar with their program, organizations and facilities. This has been approved by Women's Division.

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REPORTS OF DISTRICT PRESIDENTS - Reports are on file from each District including details of the following highlights.

MONROE DISTRICT - Marie Young, District President, reported that the spring Retreat was held in April at Wesley Foundation, Northeast Louisiana University with Louise Thomas retreat leader. Six members from the Monroe District attended Assembly. Pledges are coming in good and they are continuing to promote all channels of Undesignated Giving. The Executive Committee meets



quarterly to plan district programs and give updates. Monroe District is looking forward to hosting the Annual Meeting September 14-15.

**NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT** - Lottie Palazzo, President, reported that the mission team meets bi-monthly alternating between Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. Local presidents are invited to attend. Using the Shepherdess program Team members are assigned 3-5 local units. In March they held a Day-Apart at Lake Vista United Methodist Church. Twenty-eight persons registered for Assembly; seven District Team members attended. Mini-School of Mission is scheduled Saturday, August 11 at Gretna United Methodist Church. District Annual Meeting will be Saturday, October 6 at Golden Meadow United Methodist Church. Local Elected Leaders Training will be on Saturday, November 10 at Metairie United Methodist Church. There are 52 local units in this new district. Lottie spoke to five local units celebrating UMW Sunday.

**NORTH SHORE DISTRICT** - Dorothy Pierce, President, reported that district officers were 100% at District Elected Leaders Training, Local Elected Leaders Training, Spring Retreat and at all but one District Team meeting. They are visiting units and helping in many ways. Committees have been appointed and are active, goals have been set, Standing Rules have been written and approved and the Guidelines are now being written. All since the organizational meeting June 3, 1989. Rev. Carole Cotton-Winn was retreat leader at the Spring Retreat held at Seashore Assembly in Biloxi. The Nominating Committee has a complete list of officers to be presented at District Annual Meeting in October. "Gift to Mission" cards are sent monthly to selected missionaries on their birthdays. Each team member is a Shepherd to a local unit. "We look for the concluding work of this first year of North Shore District to be a bridge into our future."

**RUSTON DISTRICT** - Elouise Sanders, President, reported 135 persons attended the Spring Meeting held March 4 at Wesley Chapel, the newest unit in the Ruston District. Betty Ferrington was the speaker. Out of 29 units, 25 were present. Rev. Carolyn Volentine was Spring Retreat leader at Caney Conference Centre; 62 persons attended. District Annual Meeting will be October 6 at First United Methodist Church, Homer with Rev. Kibbie Hatfield the speaker. District Mini-School of Mission is scheduled August 25 at First United Methodist Church in Minden.

**SHREVEPORT DISTRICT** - Betty Turner, President, reported a busy Spring. Annual Retreat was held April 7 at Bayou Scie United Methodist Church, Rev. Loretta Lampkin and Annette Fortuna, leaders. Ten women attended Assembly. Several men and women in the District helped with transportation for Regional School. There were also men and boys helping with luggage. Through the District Newsletter women are urged to attend School of Mission. District Mission Team members have attended local unit meetings.

**ACADIANA DISTRICT** - Dorothy Dunbar, President, was unable to attend the meeting but sent a report which was read by Norma Winegeart. Dorothy reported the District Day-Apart originally scheduled to be held at Longfellow-Evangeline Park had to be moved to Mallalieu United Methodist Church due to park scheduling. The group after making a typical South Louisiana parade of cars to the new location, "found a sanctuary in a church" and were inspired by Betty Ferrington, Conference Vice President and Retreat leader. Plans have been made for Mini School of Mission, District Annual Meeting in October and Local Elected Leaders Training in November.

**ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT** - Esther Sanson, President, reported 47 in attendance at the District Retreat held in March at Pollock United Methodist Church. Rev. Fay Barrhartung was the Retreat leader. Alexandria District chartered a bus for Assembly for the 22 members who attended and also 12 from Lake Charles and 1 from the Shreveport Districts. Problems incurred which turned an expected 11 hour trip into 24 hours have not diminished plans to charter another bus for Cincinnati in 1994. Mission Team members continue to keep the local units informed through the District Newsletter and by attending local unit meetings. Receiving Newsletters from other districts is

helpful. District Annual meeting will be held October 6 in Natchitoches. Estelle Dameron will be the speaker. Local Elected Leaders Training will be held the same day.

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT - Alice Irving, President, reported the first Executive Committee meeting was held March 3. The calendar was discussed and programs were initiated. The Shepherd program was used to get our directories and T-shirts. A District Day-Apart was held March 31 at St. John's United Methodist Church and 75 attended. A new unit was chartered April 22 at Evangeline United Methodist Church and before the end of the meeting a new member joined. 27 attended Assembly.

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT - Mary Lou France, District President, was in the hospital. Seola Callahan and Wilma Crosby reported a good retreat was held at Uskichitto Retreat Center April 6. District members helped with and attended the Celebration of the District Superintendency of Dr. Woodrow Smith, April 29 at University United Methodist Church. Sixteen attended Assembly, twelve rode the Alexandria District bus. Mini School of Missions will be held at Squyres United Methodist Church August 26.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Seola Callahan, Secretary

Examiners:  
Wilma Crosby  
Marie Young

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
Executive Committee Minutes  
September 13, 1990

The Executive Committee, Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women, met Thursday, September 13, 1990, 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Monroe, Louisiana. Norma Winegeart, president, called the meeting to order and gave the opening prayer.

Present for the meeting were: Betty Ferrington, Bea Moak, Mary Spell, Fannie Reddix, Marilyn Ray, Celina Johnson, Gladys Prillerman, Wilma Crosby, Judy Rountree, Mary Lou France, Elouise Sanders, Dorothy Pierce, Betty Turner, Lottie Palazzo, Joyce Reed, Dorothy Dunbar, Janelle McCammon, Marie Young, Ola McNaughton, Georgie Dunbar, Esther Sanson, Constance Handy, Lucy Burciaga, Norma Winegeart and Seola Callahan. Absent: Alice Irving is now principal of a school and will not be at this meeting but will attend Annual Meeting. Lueburda Myers will be late. Nancy Carruth and Lois Heath will be here tomorrow. Taylor Phillips' father is ill, she will not be here.

Judy Rountree gave the opening worship using the scripture Matthew 14:13-21, in which Jesus gave the disciples instructions not to send the people away, but to keep them close, and to feed them spiritually and physically. Judy said that United Methodist Women are linked to the crowds of people who follow Jesus as we hunger and thirst after Him and to the disciples as we seek to care for all God's people for we too have been chosen. She spoke of ways we are linked past, present and future and the importance of continuing to be disciples caring for the needs of others.

APPOINTMENTS - Judy Rountree and Georgie Dunbar were appointed to review the minutes.

President Winegeart expressed appreciation to Bea Moak, Christine Coleman and St. Paul's United Methodist Church for the Executive Committee dinner.

CORRESPONDENCE - Notes received and read from: Lester Allen, 1990 School of Christian Mission Study Group leader, expressing appreciation for hospitality, cooperation and support in the school and during her husband's illness. Doris Brown, Estelle Dameron Scholarship recipient, appreciated the honor and opportunity of receiving this award.

MOTION WAS MADE BY BETTY FERRINGTON THAT THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JULY 16, 1990, BE APPROVED AS PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED. SECONDED AND CARRIED.

JURISDICTION GREETINGS - Lucy Burciaga, a member of the Core Planning Group for the South Central Jurisdiction, brought greetings from the Jurisdiction and expressed her appreciation to Norma Winegeart for keeping her well informed of Louisiana Conference activities.

Sue Johnson, Regional Staff Person, is in New York at a meeting and Bishop and Mrs. Oden are still out-of-state on Renewal Leave.

Bea Moak, Chairperson of the 1990 Annual Meeting Task Group, reported the registration to date 445. She had already registered the Executive Committee and gave out the name tags, banquet tickets and bags. There have been some



problems; these have been worked out. The processional instructions were reviewed. Norma Winegeart asked members of the Executive Committee to be available after practice to greet those registering for Annual Meeting.

The President distributed Local President Evaluation Reports to District Presidents. These reports are the responsibility of the 1990-1991 District President, but it will be helpful for outgoing Presidents to assist.

Norma announced that the meeting scheduled for December 1st, 1990, with Sachi Kajiware for Phase 5 of Program of Undesignated Giving has been cancelled. In January a decision of what to do next will be made by conference call.

OFFICER REPORTS - Reports are on file from each officer including details of the following highlights:

TREASURER - Mary Spell stated there is a balance of \$24,104.70 in the checking account which includes \$3,639.54 received from four districts for the Mission Candle. The financial statement for School of Christian Mission reflects a credit of \$693.84. Districts have received three-fourths of their 1990 A&MD budget funds.

Mary Spell also reported that the Finance Committee met on July 16 and voted to recommend a Conference Pledge to Mission of \$315,000 for 1991. The proposed A&MD budget is \$52,695, making a total of \$367,695. Recognition will be given at District Annual Meetings in the form of certificates to all local units who participate in all five channels of Undesignated Giving.

SECRETARY FOR FINANCIAL INTERPRETATION - Judy Rountree reported that the Pledge Service is based on the Purpose of United Methodist Women and represents a symbolic linking of hands to enhance the Annual Meeting theme. The Mission Candle will burn for four hours, twenty-one minutes and six seconds with three cents left. Total collected as of September 12 is \$9,881.62, the most since 1985. With each district taking their portion of the book back to the district and burning the candle again for their portion at the District Annual Meeting, the funds should rise translating to more mission. Five thousand Mission Ribbons have been purchased for 13 1/2 cents to be sold for \$1.00 and proceeds credited toward the pledge.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS - Gladys Prillerman, chairperson, reported that several persons had to be replaced on the Committee on Charter for Racial Justice Policies. The Committee on Nominations recommended the following persons to constitute the new committee: Norma Winegeart - Chairperson, Geneva Bell - Christian Social Involvement Coordinator, Annie Lincoln - Chairperson Committee on Nominations, Betty Turner - representing District Presidents, Mary Pollard - representing Executive Committee, Pat Cobb - completing term through 1991, and Marilyn Ray - completing term through 1991.

MOTION WAS MADE BY GEORGIE DUNBAR AND SECONDED BY BETTY FERRINGTON THAT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS BE ACCEPTED. MOTION CARRIED.

Norma Winegeart announced that there have been some changes made in the pattern for attendance at New Officers Training Event (NOTE) in New York. Those officers who were in line to attend last year but were unable to do so are now being given a second opportunity. Also, newly elected presidents who



have previously attended NOTE in another office may attend. Marilyn Ray will attend NOTE in December. One third of our Nominations Committee, the three persons who were elected last year, will go for training in January.

COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM - Betty Ferrington, chairperson, reported that the Committee on Program recommends the acceptance of Peggy Pugh and Donna Bergstedt to serve as Chair and Assistant Chair for the Task Group of the 1991 Annual Meeting which will be held in Sulphur at the Henning Memorial United Methodist Church September 20-21. The Committee also recommends that Judy Rountree serve as Chairperson for the 1991 District Elected Leaders' Training and Taylor Phillips serve as the Assistant Chairperson.

MOTION WAS MADE BY CELINA JOHNSON AND SECONDED BY WILMA CROSBY THAT THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE BE ACCEPTED. MOTION CARRIED.

District Elected Leaders' Training - Elouise Sanders, chairperson, distributed 1990 DELT packets to District Presidents and stressed the importance of prompt and accurate response. There will be one hour Friday night for Leadership Development. Saturday morning there will be two hours and forty-five minutes to train district counterparts.

1990 School Of Christian Mission - Dean Ola McNaughton reported 300 registered; 280 attended. There were more in attendance at the weekend school than the weekday. Alexandria District won the attendance banner.

Norma Winegeart stated that there will be only one School of Christian Mission in 1991. It will be held Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday for the same number of hours as has been included in the week day schools. This will be a new experience with everyone attending the same school.

1991 Retreat - Janelle McCammon, chairperson, announced that Marilyn Oden will be the retreat leader March 1, 2, and 3, 1991 at Tall Timbers.

Standing Rules and Guidelines - Constance Handy, chairperson, stated that the changes suggested at the last meeting have been made. She distributed copies including these changes to the group for correction and comments.

NEWSLETTER - Nancy Carruth, editor, was attending a meeting at Centenary College. Norma Winegeart read her report. The most recent Newsletter was printed by a new printer and sent out by her mailing committee while Nancy was out of state. When she did read the Newsletter she found several mistakes and expressed her apologies to this group.

DEDICATION OF 1990-1991 DIRECTORY AND ANNUAL REPORT -  
MOTION WAS MADE BY WILMA CROSBY THAT THE 1990-1991 DIRECTORY AND ANNUAL REPORT BE DEDICATED TO BISHOP WILLIAM B. ODEN. SECONDED AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP - Marilyn Ray, Chairperson, received reports from 222 local units who observed UMW Sunday. There is concern about the different numbers being reported in membership. District Presidents and District Membership chairpersons will be asked to help correct this. Three new units were organized this year: Evangeline in Baton Rouge, Convent in New Orleans District, and Jones in Crowley in Lake Charles District.

Celina Johnson, Regional School Representative, stated that we will be

responsible for a display at the Learning Center for Living Values-Changing Times. Celina asked for suggestions for the display before February 1, 1991. The Gulf Regional School Planning Committee meeting is March 1, 1991.

The president asked for further business to be brought before the Executive Committee. There being none, she offered the out-going officers time for any personal comments they might like to make.

BETTY FERRINGTON, Vice-President gave the following address:

"When I was a child, (before the days of seat belts and restraints) I liked to travel standing on the back seat and looking out the rear window. My Dad would admonish me saying, "Sit down, Betty! You can't see where you are going if you are always looking at where you've been." For a little while I would sit. But, all I could see were utility poles flashing by and making the car seem to stand still. Then, I would pop back up and look out the rear window to see where I had been.

"The temptation these last few weeks has been to look through the rear window of my tenure as Vice-President to see where I have been. Images of New York City and NOTE; Columbus, Ohio and National Seminar; Little Rock, Arkansas and Jurisdiction Meeting; Oklahoma City and Regional Schools; Kansas City and Assembly; - all of these zoom past in my hind sight. Thank you for giving me those opportunities and experiences! Visions of cities, towns, districts, churches and units all over this state race past in my mind's eye. (All nine districts and 48 units.) And, my personal goal, as Conference Vice-President, to be in all the Districts and as many units as possible is accomplished. Thank you for those opportunities and experiences!

"However, the voice of duties yet to be performed and appointments to be kept reminded me that I must look forward to where I should go. North Shore District Mini-School and teaching the study on Central America, preparing reports and introductions for this meeting, corresponding with District Vice-Presidents one last time, the bittersweet task of readying files to be passed on, and the privilege to be invited to present the whys and wherefores of United Methodist Women to the St. Charles (New Orleans District) and Covington (North Shore District) Units this week have been activities and events, that even as I faced them became part of the kaleidoscope of where I had been as your Conference Vice-President. THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES!"

TAYLOR PHILLIPS, Supportive Community Coordinator - Norma Winegeart spoke for Taylor in her absence. She said that she and Taylor went on the Executive Committee at the same time, went to NOTE together and have been good friends ever since. In 1989 Taylor was Dean of the School of Christian Mission and Norma was the Assistant Dean. As they went around Centenary campus together, one of the girls named them "Ebony and Ivory." Norma expressed her appreciation of Taylor and their association as a team.

GEORGIE DUNBAR, Christian Social Involvement Coordinator - Georgie said that working with United Methodist Women and with this group has been a pleasure. Branching out you meet so many women and find so many ways of sharing. People who do not reach out beyond the local unit and receive this experience and the love and fellowship you have reaching out, miss one of the great joys of Methodist Women. Georgie said that her mother had worked with the Missionary Society and the more she has worked with it the more she has loved the work and understood her mother's love and deep sense of mission which her mother conveyed to others.

WILMA CROSBY, Christian Global Concerns Coordinator - stated that she is making this last report with mixed emotions. She will miss the fellowship and knowing what is going on in the Conference; she will not miss "the push and shove to get things done on time." She said that the Conference has made a lot of progress under the leadership of Janelle and Norma and that it has been a privilege to work with them. Her closing remarks were, "I will continue to work in the United Methodist Women with my local unit. I won't forget you, so please don't forget me."

GLADYS PRILLERMAN, Chairperson Committee on Nominations - "These last three years have been very delightful," said Gladys. She thanked everyone for their cooperation and said that it had been delightful because she had such delightful people to work with and expressed thanks for this experience.

JUDY ROUNTREE, Secretary for Financial Interpretation - Judy said that she had never had any sisters but God gave her lots of them. "You have all become my sisters, you are truly a sisterhood. It has been a wonderful time. You have retained my sanity through six years of working with money. When I look back at where we started with finances, we have come a long way because everybody has worked. I don't think it scares us anymore. I think we can laugh and I think we can have a good time. But it has been your love and your support that has made it all possible.....You are the link. We are the link. We are all linked together and I'm going to give you one last gift." Judy presented each person present with a Mission Ribbon.

MARY LOU FRANCE, Lake Charles District President - "It has been such a privilege to be on the Executive Committee and this completes eight years for me. I started back when District Treasurers came to Executive Committee meetings." She said serving on the Executive Committee is an inspiration and she wished it could go around to a lot of different people. She said she coveted this for a lot more people and hoped they would come forward and be willing to take these parts. She expressed her appreciation for the love and concern shown during her recent illness.

Norma announced that Theressa Hoover, Elaine Gasser, Maryruth Nichols, and Chiyeko Watanabe are Women's Division retirees. It has been requested that Gift to Mission cards be sent to them. Norma gave the addresses and directions for doing this as individuals.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MARY LOU FRANCE THAT GIFT TO MISSION CARDS BE SENT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO EACH OF THE FOUR PEOPLE RETIRING FROM THE WOMEN'S DIVISION. SECONDED AND CARRIED.

Norma received a letter from Theressa Hoover regarding the Laity Address for General Conference. The search is on for someone to give this addresss. Norma suggested that Nancy Carruth has headed the Louisiana delegation for the last two times and would be a good person for us as United Methodist Women to encourage to do this.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JUDY ROUNTREE THAT NANCY CARRUTH BE ADVISED THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WOULD BE PLEASED IF SHE WOULD CONSIDER SUBMITTING AN ADDRESS FOR PRESENTATION TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AS A UNITED METHODIST WOMAN FROM LOUISIANA CONFERENCE. SECONDED AND CARRIED.



Norma received a call from Kirby Verrett of Dulac concerning participants of the Ethnic Mission Orientation Event September 28 in New York. The two Native Americans from Dulac cannot attend and he wanted to know if he could send a substitute. She referred him to New York. The speaker from Dulac will not be able to attend Annual Meeting.

Inelle Bagwell, Jurisdiction President, wrote to Norma stating that the Assembly scholarship recipients from Jurisdiction funds are to prepare a statement on the reflections of Assembly after returning home. Lottie Palazzo announced that Ruth Grimes from Gretna Church attended Assembly. This was her first out-of-Conference experience and she has been presenting a program around New Orleans District including slides. Norma asked Mary Spell, treasurer, and New Orleans District President Lottie Palazzo to get together and decide if Ruth Grimes is eligible to receive this scholarship and to write the required report.

World Federation of Methodist Women will be held July 15-22, 1991, in Singapore. Our visitor quota is 120.

Lueburda Myers sent her report. She will be going to the Rio Grande Conference Annual Meeting October 5-6 in El Paso, Texas. She will be the South Central Jurisdiction Core Planning Group representative there.

HISTORIAN - Joyce Reed announced that she has prepared some Guidelines for District Historians. The proposed Guidelines give a list of materials to be retained and those to be excluded.

MOTION WAS MADE BY BETTY FERRINGTON THAT THE GUIDELINES FOR DISTRICT HISTORIANS BE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED. SECONDED AND CARRIED.

District Historian is an appointive office. District Presidents were asked to fill this office and send the names to Joyce Reed. Georgie Dunbar suggested that the Guidelines be printed in District Newsletters.

Janelle McCammon expressed her appreciation for the prayers, the loving words, the numerous expressions of love that she received during her illness and recuperation.

The meeting adjourned with prayer led by Celina Johnson.

Seola Callahan  
Secretary

Examiners: Georgie Dunbar  
Judy Rountree

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
September 15, 1990

The Executive Committee, Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women, met Saturday, September 15, 1990, at First United Methodist Church, Monroe, Louisiana, following the close of the Annual Meeting. Retiring and newly elected officers as well as members of appointed committees were in attendance. President Norma Winegeart presided.

**WELCOME TO NEW OFFICERS** - The newly elected officers who will be members of the Executive Committee were welcomed: Betty Carlin, Vice-President; Mary Quinones, Secretary for Financial Interpretation; Mary Pollard, Mission Coordinator for Christian Global Concerns; Geneva Bell, Mission Coordinator for Christian Social Involvement; Hilda Sills, Mission Coordinator for Supportive Community; Annie Lincoln, Chairperson Committee on Nominations. Newly elected members of the Committee on Nominations, Mary Lou France, Jane Humble and Debra Dupye.

**RECOGNITION OF RETIRING OFFICERS** - Words of commendation and gratitude were expressed to the retiring officers: Betty Ferrington, Taylor Phillips, Georgie Dunbar, Wilma Crosby, Judy Rountree and Gladys Prillerman.

Words of appreciation were expressed to the Annual Meeting Task Group and the Local Arrangements Committee under the direction of Bea Moak, Chairperson, and Christine Coleman, Assistant Chairperson. The President distributed a list of names and addresses for local chairpersons and asked that members of the Executive Committee write thank you notes to some of them.

**DISTRICT ELECTED LEADERS TRAINING (DELT)** - Elouise Sanders, chairperson, reminded District Presidents to get the District Officer lists to her as soon as possible.

**1991 ANNUAL MEETING** - will be held at Henning Memorial United Methodist Church in Sulphur. Peggy Pugh, Chairperson, and Donna Bergstedt, Assistant Chairperson were introduced. Also, Pat Davis, UMW President of the Henning Unit. Betty Carlin said that she started in United Methodist Women at Henning United Methodist Church. Now, forty years later, her first Annual Meeting as Vice-President will be held in that same church.

Betty Ferrington, retiring Vice-President, suggested that the Executive Committee examine the present Guidelines for Annual Meeting and consider making some changes/additions. She said that the Executive Committee needs to reclaim this meeting. The meetings have been wonderful but the ultimate responsibility needs to be with the Executive Committee since this is the group that knows what needs to be presented and to be able to give guidance to those people who are working on the Task Group. President Norma said that this would be done at mid-year.

**PROGRAM CALENDAR** - A calendar of events was given to each officer. The following dates were added:

December 13, 1990	Church Women United Local Unit 50th Birthday Celebration
January 12, 1991	Annual Meeting Task Group

OFFICER LISTS AND APPOINTMENTS - A list of officers and appointments was distributed. Address corrections were made as given.

Lucy Burciaga, Jurisdiction Representative, expressed her thanks to each member for being "so beautiful and so warm. You made me feel just like home." She said that it had been a wonderful experience and she had learned a lot from this meeting. Lucy spoke of the women who had influenced her life as a United Methodist Woman and said how much the "Links to Mission" theme had meant to her. She asked that we pray for her Conference.

Marie Young, Monroe District President, expressed appreciation on behalf of the Monroe District for the opportunity of hosting Annual Meeting. She said that the district cooperation was excellent and that it was a great experience for them all.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

Seola Callahan  
Secretary



JOURNAL OF THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE  
Monroe, Louisiana  
September 14-15, 1990

LINKS TO MISSION

To the singing of the Hymn, "God of Grace and God of Glory", a processional of conference officers and program personnel entered the sanctuary wearing banners representing mission areas supported by United Methodist Women. Participants removed the banners and placed them in baskets at the altar.

The Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women opened Friday, September 14, 1990, at 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church, Monroe, Louisiana. President Norma Winegeart convened the meeting and presided.

The President led the assembly in affirming the purpose of United Methodist Women reading in unison.

Suzanna Wesley, portrayed by Bettie Blakely, made a surprise visit to the Annual Meeting. She presented an inspiring and challenging message.

**WELCOME** - Welcomes were given by Dr. William Blakely, Pastor of the First United Methodist Church, Monroe; Marie Young, President of the Monroe District United Methodist Women; Sandy Decelle, President of the Monroe First United Methodist Church local unit; and Gloria Bennett, Chairperson of Local Arrangements.

Special guests and visitors who were recognized were Lucy Burciaga, representative of the South Central Jurisdiction Core Planning Group, from the Rio Grande Conference; Hubert Blanchard, member of the General Board of Global Ministries; and Jerry Bridges of MacDonell's United Methodist Children's Services. Past presidents in attendance were Estelle Dameron, Amy Ward and Janelle McCammon. Virginia Laskey was unable to attend due to illness and Elizabeth McGowan could not be present due to the illness of her husband. Sandy Wilder, Women's Division, will arrive later and will be introduced at the banquet this evening. Dr. Byrl Moreland, Monroe District Superintendent and Mrs. Martha Moreland and Dr. William Blakely, Host Pastor and Mrs. Bettie Blakely (Susannah Wesley) were introduced. Others will be introduced as they appear on the program.

**OPENING WORSHIP** - Arvella Duncan, Music Director, led the group in singing Hymn No. 144, "This Is My Father's World." Excerpts from the Opening Worship given by Reverend Marta Sanfiel, St. Mark's Spanish Ministries, follow.

TEXT: Romans 8:28 "And we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose."

"One of my most difficult times of life was the years after my husband died. Being by myself with the responsibility of the Church and a fourteen year old boy was not an easy task. My mind dwelt too much on the changes in my life and it was difficult for me to concentrate in studying but especially in preparing my Sunday sermon. Many times when Frank, my son, came from School on Friday, thinking about our plans for recreation, he found out it was cancelled because 'I didn't have the sermon ready.' With the good sense of humor that characterizes him, he always suggested, 'Oh, mom, preach about God's love. All the preachers and Sunday School teachers do when they don't have a theme, choose God's love, it's so easy. He gives to us a new day,

parents, foods, pets. He even sent Jesus Christ to save us from condemnation.' I used to laugh and joke with him, and ask him to leave me alone so I could continue my work; But what I didn't tell him was that I was struggling and, in the process, discovering new aspects of God's love. God always has been my friend, my support. He gave me parents and husband who were all gone in eighteen months, friends and relatives that were thousands of miles away. And God's love has to be accepted by me in the context of suffering and uncertainty, in the concept that we were only the two of us to help grow and educate a teenager, in the reality that I was totally dependent on His love to keep me healthy, financially secure and preserve us from evil. God's love had to be accepted by me as His gift. A gift that I had to respond to, in a dynamic way in my responsibilities as a Christian and as a Pastor. Tragedy does not stop God's love, but strikes us in spite of it. Because his love is unending our response has to be unending also. Because the love of God is not a circumstantial one, our response can't be either.

Today and tomorrow we will be sharing and meditating in the message that Paul wrote to the Romans regarding the love of God and our response, especially in times of trial, and the promise everything will work for good with those who love Him.

The simple love of God....in the magnificent creation, loving relationships and security of home. Even as it is revealed to a child who can answer when asked if she is alone, 'No, God is with me.'

Every good and perfect gift comes from heaven....therefore, tragedy and suffering does not come from God. We need to remember that we love God as a response to His love, because 'He loved us first.' What we do shows our love to Him.

'Transform each defeat into a victory'...was the message ordered by Fidel Castro to be displayed on signs placed through the communist area of Cuba. 'Innocence and evil sometimes look alike.' The message that comes from an atheist government is one that can inspire those who love God to transform it into the promise that 'in everything God works for good.'

If we love Christ, we can transform each defeat in our personal life into a victory. We can use our pain and sorrow in a dynamic way to understand better the love that God manifests in Jesus Christ, 'because he endured the suffering that should have been ours and we are healed by the punishment he suffered, made whole by the blows he received.' Inspiration comes from those who have been on trial sharing with us how he or she survived because Christ's love compels theirs.

Transform the lives of others....our lives can be used to do good to those who are suffering. Jesus' ministry was a ministry of service. We also are called to serve, to be involved in the mission of the Church....as part of the mission programs in Louisiana and throughout the world, helping abused and neglected children, troubled teenagers, elderly, and others in need. To be involved in mission in a personal way is more than raising money for a cause....financial support is needed but I also encourage you to explore the needs in your community, visit the elderly, take time to hear the cry of the refugees, be more open to the ones who suffer from AIDS, instead of sending a Thanksgiving or Christmas basket, take it yourself.....You don't have to do big things to show the love of Christ, even a glass of cold water, given in the name of Christ, is like if you give it to Christ.

It was the summer of 1970, July 9, and a flight from Pan American Airline arrived at Miami, carrying 97 Cuban refugees. There was no gate for the plane, so a ladder

was attached to the aircraft for the refugees to go to the airport. Among them was a young mother carrying in her arms a fifteen month old baby. When she started to descend through the steps, the baby started to cry for water. A Red Cross nurse who was at the bottom of the steps, ordered everybody to stop. She rushed to the steps with a little glass of cold water, and with tears in her eyes gave the water to the baby. She very gently took the arm of the mother helping her through the steps, and guided them, mother and baby, to the office where the FBI were waiting for the refugee. That nurse was in mission. The presence of Christ was a reality in this glass of water, as He is in the Sacrament of the Holy Communion. I testify because I experienced it. I was that mother. Be in Mission, even a glass of water."

**LIGHTING OF THE MISSION CANDLE** - Shirley Hoffpauir, former Conference Treasurer, and Mollie Smith, Monroe District Secretary for Financial Interpretation.

"The First Link: The Mission Field - This is the very core of our being United Methodist Women. To be able to Serve those who are caring for others, thereby helping others throughout the world. We do this in various ways: through prayers, sending of goods and supporting the missionaries with monetary gifts. And we should not limit MISSION to those in service and those in need in foreign lands. We have an obligation to those here with us, in all walks of life that are our Mission Field.

The Second Link: United Methodist Women - We of the Louisiana Conference have been a very supportive link to the Mission Field since our very being. We have always met the challenge given to us in time of need. Webster says that 'a link, is a section of anything that connects.' We have been 'connected' to Mission in many ways.

The Third Link: Our Mission Candle has been a vital 'link' to Mission for some time now. Can you remember how we all responded to the call to 'bring our bits of candles' to be melted down to make this beautiful addition to our Annual Meetings? For those of us that did respond, we feel a special glow within ourselves every time we see it burning. The candle has withstood being carried around, kept in storage from year to year. It has been spruced up once or twice. Now, that is a strong link. Like this candle, we have had to be carried around; in storage for awhile; and spruced up once in awhile. With the love and care of God through these times, we have become strong.

We first started sending one dollar along with a name to be inscribed in a book to be displayed at Annual Meeting in Shreveport in 1979. From the very beginning, the money raised from the candle has been sent 'undesignated' to Missions. It is what helps us go 'beyond our pledge.' We now try to send money in the amount of the cost of Mission per minute, along with names of those that we want to Memorialize, Honor, and Recognize as our Future. This is really strengthening the link, because it includes more people giving and thinking of others that have done great work. In the years we have used this MISSION CANDLE in our annual meetings, we have sent \$100,031.20 to Mission. The candle this year will burn four hours 24 minutes seven seconds, with a total of \$9,995.17 collected.

As this, the THIRD LINK, becomes the center link, that ties all of us together in many ways, let us be aware not only of the amount of money raised this year, but in all previous years. Think of the people that have been honored in this way, the lives that have been touched by this beautiful symbol of ours, THE MISSION CANDLE. We invite all of you to come forward in your free moments to see the names of those that were honored this year. At the close of the meeting, each District will be taking their section of the album to the District meetings for display.



PRESENTATION OF THE PROGRAM - Bea Moak, chairperson of the Annual Meeting Program Task Group, and Christine Coleman, assistant chairperson, reviewed the program and gave directions for the events. Christine gave highlights of the various musical portions and explained that much of this is in response to the requests on the evaluations of the 1989 Annual Meeting.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT - President Norma Winegeart gave the following report:

"I lived in Monroe as a child and started to school here at Georgia Tucker. And, so, it seems fitting that my first time to preside for an Annual Meeting is here at First Church, Monroe. I joined this church on November 3, 1931 -- of course, it was the old church downtown then. As I remember it, Brother Jimmy Grambling and Charles White conducted a special youth series and I think I surprised my family by going down front with a group of children and young people to join the church that Sunday morning. Mary Lou Petty was my Sunday School teacher about that time and she is here today. I would like to take a personal privilege and present her to you at this time. Mary Lou, would you stand and be recognized?

This year has been a period of adjustment for many of us -- especially for the four districts in the Baton Rouge and New Orleans area that were realigned last year. It made report time rather confusing. The numbers that were sent to me in December did not match the ones sent to the membership secretary in January. But, I can only report what you send me. The District Presidents have your report blanks and will be giving them to the unit presidents during your District Annual Meetings. Please take time in your local units to meet together as a mission team and fill out these reports and get them to your District Presidents on time.

My report for 1989 showed 290 units out of 304 reporting, with a total membership of 11,905 -- a loss of 568. We did report 9 new units. But, we did not pay our pledge in full, because the conference stepped out in faith and pledged an amount above the total pledged by the districts -- because for many years we had overpaid our pledge. But, this time we fell short. Let's strive to do better this year! I hope that better reporting will bring us back into line.

The conference president has a number of duties to United Methodist Women - and also is on many conference committees 'by virtue of her office.' Since this time last year I have driven nearly 10,000 miles in the name of United Methodist Women and have spent countless hours at my desk.

Many of YOU have also been busy in the name of United Methodist Women. Raise your hand high if you attended your District Annual Meeting last October.

Following this almost all of the district officers attended the District Elected Leaders Training event at the Tall Timbers Baptist Conference Center. If you were there, raise your hand.

Then, these officers came back to their districts and led the Local Elected Leaders Training events. If you are a local officer and attended one of these meetings raise your hand.

In January 222 units reported a celebration of UMW Sunday. If you spoke for one of these celebrations raise your hand. If your unit participated with a celebration of UMW Sunday raise your hand.

Somehow we missed out on the plans for the Wall of Witnesses to be at the UMW Assembly in Kansas City. Someone said, 'There's just no way we can do this.' And, so we let it ride. But, then I had a dream that I was at the Assembly and there were lists of names on the walls of this great round room -- and there was a perfectly blank wall with a big Louisiana across the top. So, the next morning I got up and wrote to all of the unit presidents asking for help - QUICK! About 150 units responded and I thank you. But, when we were at Assembly we discovered that some of the names that were sent in were not on our list -- including our largest unit, First Church, Shreveport. That would have been another 300 names on our list! I have no answer to give -- except to blame it on the computer. We did have a board full of names and not a blank wall and for that I am grateful.

The first week in May we had a wonderful delegation to attend the Assembly. We were delighted to have among us our own Virginia Laskey, former conference president, and former Women's Division president. She was presented on the floor of the Assembly. The six of us who were your official representatives appreciate the privilege of being a part of this great event. Lois Heath will give a more detailed report later this afternoon and if you want to know even more about it read your July/August issue of Response magazine. There were 132 registered from Louisiana. Will those of you who went to the Assembly in Kansas City please stand?

In June we were host to the West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission. 342 attended including Bishop Woodrow Hearn, president of the General Board of Global Ministries, leadership from the Women's Division, the elected leadership of the United Methodist Women from the 17 conferences in the South Central Jurisdiction, and the study group leaders who were there to be certified to teach in the various conference Schools of Christian Mission. This was the first time to have this group in our Conference. We and Centenary College received many compliments. Judy Rountree has completed three years as a member of the Regional School Committee and Celina Johnson has just become a member of this group. Evelyn Evans did a marvelous job as chairperson of local arrangements. She made beautiful banners for each study. A special thank you to the United Methodist Women of the Shreveport District who helped with local arrangements and provided transportation for about 200 to and from the airport. The Rio Grande Conference sent a gift to mission thank you card to the Shreveport District for their many kindnesses. This is Lucy Burciaga's conference. Lueburda Myers will be the representative from the Jurisdiction Core Planning Group to the Rio Grande Conference next month.

In July we had a total of 300 registered for our own Louisiana Schools of Christian Mission at Centenary College. Were you there? If so, raise your hand. Many of you who could not attend the conference school attended a Mini-School in your district. Were you one of these? Please raise your hand.

Two years ago a questionnaire was presented during our Schools of Christian Mission and a vast majority voted in favor of having only one school -- rather than the week-day school and the week-end school. And so, in 1991 we are planning to try a new schedule. There will be only one school -- Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. This will be the same number of hours as the week-day school and will add an extra day for those who have been attending on the week-end. Gladys Prillerman is the dean for 1991 with Ola McNaughton as the assistant dean.

Three of us have attended meetings at the Scarritt-Bennett Center in Nashville. Evelyn Evans attended the training for leaders of Children's Mission Study. She has

attended several of your mini-schools giving helps for presenting the study 'Gospel, Culture and Media' to children. Patsy Washington attended a Membership Workshop.

I have just returned from a Nashville Region Consultative Committee, with the presidents or representatives of the seven conferences that comprise the Nashville Region, and Sue Johnson our regional staff person.

And, now we are in Monroe for the Annual Meeting. How many of you have raised your hand or stood at least once? ALL of you are here today for this meeting -- so everybody raise your hands! And, so, you see - ALL OF YOU are links to mission!

Four of the Women's Division Mission projects are in Louisiana. They were invited to send a representative to speak today. The Dulac Community Center representative had an illness in her family and was not able to come. Jerry Bridges, President MacDonell's Children's Services, Inc., Houma, is here and will speak now."

Mr. Bridges stated that he was delighted to be invited to this meeting with the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women because MacDonell's looks to the Women's Division for their support. Free materials about MacDonell's are available from the display near the Fellowship Hall. He encouraged those present to visit MacDonell's and become more familiar with the program there. United Methodist Women should be extremely proud of their foremothers and their concern for mission and for the continuing of these missions through this organization.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (continued) - "The South Central Jurisdiction Core planning Group is holding an event 'Each Local Woman: Claiming Our Heritage in Mission!' This will be held in November at Mount Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas. The Core Planning Group selected to attend: Doris Brown and Carrie Lee Diaz. The executive committee selected Betty Carlin. Spin-off groups will be held in 1991. You will be hearing more about this!

The conference wide Retreat will be held March 1, 2 and 3, 1991, at Tall Timbers Baptist Conference Center under the leadership of Janelle McCammon and Betty Ferrington. Marilyn Oden will be the retreat leader.

I would like to close with the words from our theme hymn:

JESUS' HANDS WERE KIND HANDS

Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,  
healing pain and sickness, blessing children small,  
washing tired feet, and saving those who fall;  
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.

Take my hands Lord Jesus, let them work for you;  
make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do.  
Let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,  
till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you."

SOLO: Arvella Duncan sang, "My Heavenly Father Watches Over Me."

**BUSINESS SESSION:**

APPOINTMENTS - Elouise Sanders and Betty Ferrington were appointed to examine the journal of the Annual Meeting.



REPORT OF THE TREASURER - Mary Spell presented the following report:

"The dictionary defines the word 'joyful' as delightful, jubilant or happy. I must say to you today that I am neither delighted, jubilant or happy to report to you that our Conference fell short of our \$300,000.00 Pledge to Mission by \$26,425.13 in 1989. Nor do I feel very jubilant over the fact that at mid-year 1990 we have paid only 32% of our \$315,000.00 pledge.

There is a current balance in the checking account of \$24,104.70 and a Certificate of Deposit in the amount of \$21,659.26. I am happy to say that you gave \$1,494.47 to the Assembly offering and \$989.65 to the offering at the School of Christian Mission.

I am both joyful and thankful that by the grace of God we always have opportunities to try again. Therefore your Executive Committee is proposing that Pledge to Mission be \$315,000.00 and the Administrative and Membership Development budget be \$52,695.00 making a total of \$367,695.00 for the year 1991."

**THE FOLLOWING BUDGET WAS ADOPTED AS PRESENTED BY THE TREASURER.**

**LOUISIANA CONFERENCE - UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
1991 BUDGET**

**PLEDGE TO MISSION** **\$315,000.00**

**ADMINISTRATIVE & MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

A. Travel Expenses: Mileage, lodging, insurance for	
Executive Committee inconference events	5,000.00
B. Officer Resources, Service Center Mailing, etc.	100.00
C. District A&MD	14,295.00
D. Jurisdiction A&MD (1% of Pledge)	3,150.00
E. Schools of Christian Mission	
1. Regional	4,000.00
2. Conference	7,500.00
F. Programs and Events within Louisiana Conference	
1. Annual Meeting	1,200.00
2. District Elected Leaders Training	4,000.00
G. Attendance at Regional & National Events	
1. Assembly, 1994 (Cumulative 4 years)	2,300.00
2. Jurisdiction Meeting, 1992 (Cumulative 4 years)	600.00
3. National Seminar, 1991 (Cumulative 4 years)	250.00
4. Jurisdiction Local Woman Event	1,750.00
H. Operating Expenses:	
1. Conference Directory	1,000.00
2. Newsletter	4,500.00
3. Postage	700.00
4. Office Supplies & Copying	750.00
5. Telephone	550.00
6. Audit	500.00
7. Honors & Memorials	300.00
I. Church Women United	<u>250.00</u>

Total A&MD Budget for 1991 52,695.00

**TOTAL CONFERENCE BUDGET FOR 1991** **\$367,695.00**

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP - Marilyn Ray, Chairperson, announced that two scrapbooks containing UMW Sunday reports are on display near the registration tables. Reports were received from 222 out of 334 local units. She is working toward 100% reporting in 1991. Reports received from District Membership chairpersons do not agree with the membership reported by the District Presidents. Efforts are being made to correct this. Mission ribbons are available using the theme "You Are The Link." New units organized this year are: Evangeline in the Baton Rouge District, Convent in the New Orleans District, and Jones-Crowley in the Lake Charles District. Marilyn asked that "Each one, reach one. Help us meet our Goal for 1991."

PRESENTATION OF GOALS - Betty Ferrington, Vice-President, made the following presentation:

**To fulfill the Purpose of United Methodist Women in 1991, we propose the following goals to Local Units, District and Conference organizations.**

**To know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ by:**

1. promoting use of the Prayer Calendar
2. promoting spiritual growth through reading and study. (Christian Personhood)

**To develop a creative, supportive fellowship by:**

1. establishing and using an Intercessory Prayer Chain
2. continuing the promotion of the Campaign for Children
3. implementing the Charter for Racial Justice through planned dialogue between races thereby helping to dispel fears, myths and prejudices (Supportive Community)
4. providing opportunities for prospective members to become involved in Mission. (Membership)

**To expand concepts of mission by:**

1. centering programs around the Program Book, Annual Report of the Women's Division, "Response" and "New World Outlook" magazines (Vice-Presidents)
2. participating in current mission studies making every effort to include the total church (Christian Global Concerns)
3. being responsible Christian citizens who study and take action on issues affecting social justice (Christian Social Involvement)
4. participating as links in global ministry through pledge as individual members, units, district and Conference organizations. (Finance, Christian Global Concerns)

Betty Ferrington and Constance Abraham-Handy presented a skit showing ways the Charter for Racial Justice could be implemented.

**BETTY FERRINGTON MADE THE MOTION, SECONDED BY CONSTANCE ABRAHAM-HANDY THAT THE GOALS BE ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE. MOTION CARRIED.**

REPORT ON THE READING PROGRAM - Celina Johnson, Mission Coordinator for Christian Personhood, reported that all districts are 100% in the Reading Program, but not all local churches participated. Reading certificates were given to the district chairpersons to be presented at the district annual meetings as follows: Acadiana - 1, Alexandria - 3, Baton Rouge - 4, Lake Charles - 63, Monroe - 24, New Orleans - 25, North Shore - 17, Ruston - 63, Shreveport - 43.

**REPORT ON THE EXCELLENCE OF STUDIES** - Wilma Crosby, Mission Coordinator for Christian Global Concerns, reported the Certificates for Excellence of Studies will be presented at the District Annual Meetings by District chairpersons. Wilma expressed her concern that only 78 local units will receive certificates. She urged each member to make sure that the application for her unit is submitted and encouraged more units to take the mission studies.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS** - Gladys Prillerman, Chairperson, presented the following nominees for officers and the term of office:

Vice President	Betty Carlin	2 years
Treasurer	Mary Spell	2 years
Secretary for Financial Interpretation	Mary Quinones	2 years
Mission Coordinator for:		
Christian Global Concerns	Mary Pollard	1 year
Christian Social Involvement	Geneva Bell	2 years
Supportive Community	Hilda Sills	2 years
Chairperson, Committee on Nominations	Annie Lincoln	1 year
Member, Committee on Nominations		
Lake Charles District	Mary Lou France	3 years
Ruston District	Jane Humble	3 years
Shreveport District	Debra Dupye	3 years

**ELECTION OF CONFERENCE OFFICERS** - There were no nominations from the floor and all nominees were elected by acclamation.

**BREAK** - A short break was followed by UMW sings.

**GREETINGS FROM THE JURISDICTION** - Lucy Burciaga, South Central Jurisdiction Core Planning Group representative, brought greetings from the Jurisdiction. "United Methodist Women are happy women. Whatever we do, let's do it with a smile," she said. She reviewed the jurisdiction program for the 1989-1992 quadrennium and commended Louisiana Conference for their participation. The Quadrennial Meeting 1992 will be April 3-5, in Dallas, Texas.

**ASSEMBLY REPORT** - Lois Heath, Secretary of Program Resources, and one of the six Conference delegates to the Assembly, gave the following report:

"I really understand what our founder John Wesley felt when he said 'my heart was strangely warmed.' The Assembly was a mountain top experience. The experience started when I saw the ladies in the bright orange collars giving information and directions for Shuttle Buses to the different hotels.

I arrived at the Hyatt Regency. It seemed as if all the women from every conference in the United States were in the registration line. That night in Kansas City Convention Center, I knew that there must have been women from every conference in the United States and all over the world, assembled for the opening celebration of Holy Communion. It was a beautiful sight to see and a very inspirational service. The purpose of the 1990 Assembly was fulfilled by Bible Studies, the session for witnessing for creation, the session for witnessing for our children, the music, the dancers, and the focus groups. We were asked to bring a rock, and on Saturday placed it in the hands of someone else. A rock. Each would have a part of creation they had never seen before. Finally, the closing worship session 'Witnessing for a New World', by a giant of a woman, Theresa Hoover, Deputy General Secretary of the Women's Division. She said 'our minds are mission fields.' As United Methodist Women we choose not to make empty gestures, but to witness to the kind of world we envision."



**RECOGNITION OF RETIRING OFFICERS** - Helen Brock, past Louisiana Conference Vice-president, recognized the retiring officers. She used the theme, "Many Gifts, One Spirit," stating that each had given of their particular gift, each in her own unique way, but all in the same spirit - the spirit of love, cooperation, and support. "You have truly stirred into flame the gift of God which is within you, you have lighted the way for the rest of us," she said. Special Mission Recognitions were presented to Betty Ferrington, Georgie Dunbar, Wilma Crosby, Judy Rountree, Gladys Prillerman and Maxie Garrett. Taylor Phillips was not present due to a family illness. Her presentation will be made at another time.

**PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER** - Betty Ferrington introduced Amy Ward as one who has gone beyond the local unit in working for United Methodist Women. Amy has served as district president, as Louisiana Conference President and as a Women' Division director on the General Board of Global Ministries. Following are excerpts of the speech made by Amy Ward entitled, "Links To Mission - Women In Mission! You are the Link!":

"Paul wrote (Romans 1:8) 'Let me begin by thanking my God, through Jesus Christ, for you all, because all over the world they are telling the story of your faith.' I say to you today, Let me begin by thanking my God, through Jesus Christ, for you all, because all over the world they are telling the story of your faith.

Our heritage is women organized for mission, telling the story of our faith. In 1869 the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church was organized. Just six months after the first meeting they sent Isabella Thoburn and Dr. Clara Swain to India to establish a school and a hospital for women. The women at home continued their support in faith despite great obstacles. The impact of their combined work is immeasurable. This story can be multiplied across more than a century. All over the world they are telling the story of your faith.

Mapuche Rural Work, Chile - It was a cold, windy day in August...winter in the southern most part of Chile, South America. I walked down a narrow, dirt road with Dr. Mary Sue Lowry, our Methodist missionary in Chile, as it began to rain. We arrived at a new wooden structure, the school for the Mapuche Indian boys. The new building recently completed by a volunteer mission team was dorm, classrooms, meeting and recreation room all in one. Across the road we entered a small native hut. The smoke filled room is a Ruca Casa where a fire is kept burning at all times. There were two small chairs where the boys can sit to warm themselves and dry their clothes. The boys were returning to school after the winter holiday. Many, even the small boys, had walked for many hours, some through flooded roads from the heavy rains. They carried their possessions on their backs. They were happy to return to school for this was their only hope for a new tomorrow -- the only way out of extreme poverty. All over the world they are telling the story of your faith.

In Temuco we joined Rev. David Lowry, Mary Sue's husband. David and Mary Sue have been missionaries for more that 30 years in Chile. We joined in worship in one of David's three churches. I was handed a tamborine, others were given instruments and we were led in singing by a young woman with a guitar. My how they sang! The next morning we were in the Mental Health Center in Temuco, the only one in all of southern Chile. It began in 1984 as a new ministry, an outgrowth of Dr. Lowry's work at the Physical Health Clinic housed in the Methodist church. Mary Sue noticed that many of the illnesses were related to the mental conditions. Many patients were persons who had experienced torture or were family members of disappeared persons. Before the 1973 military coup (Pinochet) persons had not experienced brutality and had no experience in dealing with it. Mary Sue saw a need and realized that only someone experiencing violence could gain the confidence of the people. Mary Sue

met Maritza Eltit. Together they opened the Mental Health Center. In the Center's first year they worked with 60 families and more than 100 children. The Center also contains the only records of disappeared or tortured persons in all of Southern Chile. Maritza Eltit, the director, told us her story. She was a university professor, her husband was a doctor. Three days after the military coup her husband disappeared and she was told he had been killed as an example to other young doctors. Her brother, a lawyer, disappeared. Maritza and her infant son lived in exile in Mexico for 11 years. Her father died from depression three years after she left. Her mother responded in a way not common to women of Chile. She formed an organization of persons seeking information about their loved ones and brought this to court. All military received amnesty. She and others including Mary Sue, organized 'Christian Women in Defense of Life.' They demonstrate in a positive way in favor of life.

After a very emotional day we stood in a crowded tiny upper room, nine of us, hands joined in a circle and prayed. The prayer was in a language unknown to me, but I understood. We are one in Christ, sisters and brothers in a global family, sharing one another's burdens. Tears were shared for we knew for all who lived there, life was in constant danger. They were willing to risk all to serve. They trust in God. All over the world they are telling the story of your faith.

While in Temuco we were told of several grants received from the Women's Division. Grants of \$20,000 and \$6,000 from Call to Prayer for work with the Mapuche Indian Women to teach them to care for their health and the health of their families. Another brought seven women from seven different tribes together to help them learn to communicate with one another and help recover their culture. A \$4,000 grant for a health clinic...health programs...programs dealing with sexuality, birth control, teenage pregnancy, mental health, family violence, unemployment, alcohol and overcrowded living conditions. Young women were taught to make sleeping bags so they may have some privacy..18 persons shared one room for sleeping. I was the only woman of the five member team that visited 50 sites, conducted 23 scheduled interviews, as well as many other interviews with church officials, members, government people and citizens. As we were introduced a director saw me, the only woman, and excitedly exclaimed in Spanish, 'We received a grant from the Women's Division!'--and proceeded to tell about the program. After the 5th time this happened, the men were duly impressed and so was I! All over the world they are telling the story of your faith.

In Buenos Aires, Argentina I walked with the courageous Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo. Each tied around her head a white scarf on which is embroidered the name of her child and the date that child disappeared. It is estimated that as many as 30,000 persons disappeared. The fates of many will never be learned. Every Thursday the mothers gather and circle the plaza in silence. We were glad to find that though small in numbers, the Methodist church in Argentina supports efforts for human rights in a large way. All over the world they are telling the story of your faith.

We learned that in Latin American there are 40 million street children (77% in Brazil). Babies are sold for adoption to other nations. Older kids are prostitutes, and some are killed in order to sell their organs for transplants in other countries. It is difficult to work with street children; their confidence must be gained slowly. One local Methodist Church we visited has a program providing a hot shower and clean clothes every Saturday to street kids who come by bus free of charge (an arrangement with the transport company). Their other clothes were kept and washed for the next week. They are taught to make bread and cookies and some handcrafts. 'It is difficult to work with street kids, but not impossible,' one worker told us. I was not prepared for



the poverty we saw. 25,000 people managed to live by picking up garbage and selling it. They live in makeshift huts of metal, wood and cloth. The men go out at 2:00 a.m. in horse drawn carts and collect the best trash, bring it back and the women and children sort it to sell. One of the mothers told us as she nursed her latest child of how she self-delivered her seven children. As we listened, we learned this woman had been active in the Methodist Christian Center and was able to organize and get electricity and water to the area. There were two spigots of water and they needed more. The needs were overwhelming. David felt frustrated. The center provides classes and he teaches Bible classes beginning with Luke, the gospel to uplift the poor. He told us, 'The center enables people to come together and have a sense of belonging. It has made a difference. The church is present.' All over the world they are telling the story of your faith.

The Service of Recognition for missionaries upon their retirement was a highlight of the Missionary Conference I attended. There were inspiring stories representing more than 790 years of combined service to Christ and to the world. At the closing worship service of the Conference the missionaries to be commissioned were presented. They were teachers, doctors, nurses, pastors, an agronomist and a pilot. All over the world they are telling the story of your faith. United Methodist Women, You are the link to Mission. Through your undesignated gifts, you help support missionaries such as the ones you have heard about. Your gifts are constant and reliable. You help in time of need. Our committee struggled for two days working long into the night being faithful stewards of the funds. We lacked one million of the five million dollars needed to keep the missionaries in the field. Our only hope was to turn to the Women's Division and you gave a grant of \$500,000 to the World Division with the understanding that the rest would be raised through the general church. The missionaries were able to continue their work. This is just a part of your story, United Methodist Women. Links to Mission. You are the Link! I thank my God, through Jesus Christ, for you all, for all over the world they are telling the story of your faith!"

Patricia Hertzog sang a solo, "Oh Lord How Majestic Is Your Name." The afternoon session was adjourned and reassembled at 6:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn.

Dinner was served at the Holiday Inn - Holidome. The invocation was given by Marie Young, Monroe District President. Norma Winegeart introduced guests. Bea Moak, Annual Meeting Chairperson, acknowledged, most by name, all the individuals who helped with preparation and presentation of this meeting. She introduced "Bartles and James of the Clergy", Rev. Bob Peyton and Rev. Doug McGuire, retired United Methodist Ministers, the entertainment of the evening.

Christine Coleman read the theme scripture and led the group in prayer. Romans 8:28 - "We know that in all things God works for good with those who love him, those whom he has called according to his purpose." Betty Ferrington introduced the speaker, Sandy Wilder. Sandy is another 'Link To Mission' - She is employed by you as Secretary for Financial Interpretation, Women's Division, General Board of Global Ministries, United Methodist Church. Among her many responsibilities is overseeing the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial grant program.

Excerpts from the address given by Sandy Wilder follow:

"Her name is Alberta Shelton. She might not call herself anybody important, but what she does and how she lives her life touch the lives of dozens of people. Alberta has been involved in the United Methodist Church for years: has sung in the choir, has served as a Sunday school teacher and small group leader, has worked with the youth group, has held practically every office in United Methodist Women, has lent her time to the work of Church Women United --does this sound like a familiar litany? I'm



sure many of you here have resumes which would read like Alberta's. About 21 years ago now, she and some other members of a local unit of the then Wesleyan Service Guild decided it was important to recruit "younger women" into the organization. They provided scholarships to send three teenage girls to the conference School of Christian Mission, in the hope that some of what the girls learned about mission would 'take' and they might become interested in joining the Guild. The three girls stayed in the same room with Alberta; she had her hands full keeping an eye on them! That was a long time ago and the girls don't remember much of anything about the usual important elements of a School of Christian Mission. One of the young girls was so head over heels about a young man who was working as a junior staff member that for the longest time, the only memories she had of the event were the times she got to spend with him! Now, what the girl remembers about the experience is that there was a group of women who cared enough about her to invest their money in her, and that these women had a focus, a purpose, that energized them. The young man in question has gone on to other things; the young girl has learned the real lesson. Alberta Shelton was thus my first link to mission. By encouraging her local unit to vote for scholarship money for me and the other two teenagers, she showed me what a difference it makes in peoples' lives when our organization spends money on mission education. Now, Alberta didn't know what, if even anything, might come from the time and money spent that summer. But she was willing to try it...and here I am. Occasionally now I can even be a mission education link for some else. Close your eyes and picture the person who was your first 'link to mission.' Have you ever said 'thank you' to that person, that special link?

Harry Peacock and his family have worked for many years in Bolivia in South America. They were sent out by the United Methodist Church and have been involved in colonization work, helping the colonists to adapt to their new homes. Much of their furlough time in the United States was spent itinerating to his supporting churches. Harry Peacock was a link to mission for hundreds of Americans and Bolivians during his missionary career. Through your gifts and your prayers, you were - and are - a link to mission for Harry and for the hundreds and hundreds of other missionaries who served and still serve through the United Methodist Church. Some teach, some work in hospitals, some are treasurers and administrators, some preach, but all of these missionaries, no matter what their job, are able to serve because of your link with them. Over its hundred years of history, our organization has linked literally millions of us with thousands of mission workers, all over the world.

Mission links are everywhere. They are.....the joyful faces of a group of Hispanic women at a community center in San Antonio, Texas proudly serving meals they learned to prepare in their catering cooperative classes. ....the members of a local unit in Indiana rushing to greet a newly-widowed member coming to a meeting, upholding her during a difficult time. ....former prostitutes in Seoul, Korea, brought lovingly into a haven called My Sister's Place which will change their lives by teaching them simple baking skills so they can earn a living and move away from their former livelihood and learn that Jesus loves even them. They are the faithful women involved with their time, money and talents in the work of Dulac, MacDonell's, St. Mark's --these life-giving and life-supporting ministries in Louisiana. ....the presence of the Women's Division on your behalf as a non-governmental organization at the World Summit for Children, a first-ever international meeting to focus solely on the enormous needs of the world's youngest citizens. A link to mission is your challenge to raise a pledge of \$367,000 in undesignated giving during 1991 - a little less than \$35 per member of the Louisiana Conference per year. ....and your participation in Schools of Christian Mission, retreats, Elected Leaders Training and other events.

...sending postcards and telegrams expressing opinions on public issues. These women are not so ordinary after all!

Sometimes there are problems in getting the links to 'hook up' well. Money may reach its destination slowly, a program may flop, grant amounts may be cut, and so on. Some of these problems are structural. The Women's Division is working hard to get these situations corrected. Occasionally we are given credit for links that are not ours and are not accurate, such as that we're paying for abortions and that we helped pay for the Oliver North trial. Neither of these is true. I urge you to seek out correct information if you hear something about a United Methodist Women's 'mission link' that doesn't sound like accurate information or something that we would be involved in. We are involved in life-changing, life-giving mission work.

Mission education, social involvement, direct services, sending and receiving missionaries, caring for children, laughing and crying with other women in subgroups, working together, doing mission studies together, knowing God, expanding concepts of mission, these and countless other links are us. Join hands around your table. Look each other in the eye and tell each person in turn, by name, that she is a link to mission. Say, 'Anna, you are a link to mission.' Amen. May it ever be so, and may our links to mission ever be strong."

BENEDICTION was given by Dr. Byrl Moreland.

The Saturday session of the Seventeenth Annual Meeting convened at 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. After the prelude, the session began with UMW Sings led by Arvella Duncan. The Call to Worship was the Theme Hymn, "Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands."

MORNING WORSHIP - Following are excerpts from the morning meditation given by Rev. Marta Sanfiel using the theme scripture:

"Paul knew first hand that the presence of the Divine power can change all evil so that it becomes a source of good. He makes clear that our love to God is in response to God's love. When I was a teenager, I had a friend named Maria. She was a wealthy woman, older than my mother. She had very good contacts and you could ask her for help on anything. She was the person who would ask doctors for free treatment for a poor child, or would pay for a meal for the hungry, without a second thought co-sign for credit. She was a very generous woman, but once you received a favor from her, she did not hesitate to call you at anytime to ask for a favor from you. Once you received something from her you were tied to her for life. There was nothing you could do to pay her for what she had done for you. I think in some way Maria was pretending to be God. This is the truth Paul wants to reveal to us...there is a dynamic in our relationship with God in which we are called to respond to His love, according to his purpose.

WE ARE CALLED -- To be called gives us a sense of belonging and direction. When we are called, we respond in accordance to who is calling us. If we recognize the authority, immediately we feel a part of the person or the institution. Many of the reservists who are being called today face serious change, but surveys tell us that most of them recognize the authority of the President of the United States and they are responding in accordance because they belong to the army of this country. Those who love God are also called and we should respond no matter what. We are called to do His will, we are committed to a relationship of obedience, to search for ways to do His will, to improve, to pray 'your will be done in earth as in heaven.'



We are called to preach the Gospel, not only from the pulpit, but also by action. The Spanish Ministry in New Orleans has an outreach program to help those in need...to assist with birth certificates, buying medicine, working with attorneys and the immigration department, and many other ways. We are called not to conform ourselves to the standards of this world, but to let God transform us inwardly that we will be able to know the will of God.

ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE - Paul used these words to make clear the purpose of God...God created man with the gift to reflect His image. The 'man who has discovered that his life is surrounded by God's love and transformed by God's Grace is not content to regard this as an accidental benefit on which he has happened to stumble. It is the manifestation within the limits of his life, of a purpose, which lies behind all things and is older than creation itself.' (The Interpreters Bible, Vol. 9, pg 526) For others to see God in our life...we are living according to His purpose.

From the Mission Board comes the legend of the 'first' missionary to China. After eight years in China the Mission Board was desperate because there was no indication of building a church or development of a structured program. The missionary did not make reports of his work. The Board carefully selected a new candidate and after two years of intensive study in the Chinese language, culture and history the new missionary arrived in Hong Kong. A house was rented, visits were made and announcements were circulated. At the end of the week the first Worship Service proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Chinese was held in the rented house. After the sermon came the invitation, 'Is there anyone who wants to claim Jesus as his personal Savior?' Several hands were raised and the missionary invited them to come to the altar for prayer. But, to his surprise no one moved from their seat. A man spoke, 'We want you to know Jesus. He is our personal Savior. He doesn't speak a fluent Chinese but he is our savior, he is the one who for years has helped us to get healthy, and to build a school for the children. The one who gives us food when we don't have any. Please come with us.' To his surprise they brought the new missionary to the humble room where the old missionary lived and said, 'This is Jesus, our Savior.' There is no doubt that the old missionary reflected the image of God, and had the power to transform evil into good, because such power is given to those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. Amen."

PLEDGE SERVICE - Judy Rountree, Secretary for Financial Interpretation, led the following pledge service entitled, We Are The Links.

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WILL STAND, LINK HANDS, AND PLEDGE:

We shall be actively engaged in fulfilling the mission of the Church and shall interpret the PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN. With continuing awareness of the concerns and responsibilities of the Church in today's world, we shall be an advocate for the oppressed and dispossessed with special attention to the needs of women and children; shall work to build a supportive community among women; shall engage in activities which foster growth in the Christian faith, mission education, and Christian social involvement throughout the conference.\* As your elected leaders we pledge our time, talents, and resources to become one link in mission.

MEMBERS OF THE ACADIANA DISTRICT WILL STAND, LINK HANDS AND PLEDGE

"The organized unit of United Methodist Women..."

Our link symbolizes the unity of United Methodist Women in the mission field. The Acadiana District pledges \$18,000 to mission in 1991 in appreciation for our organized mission channels.



MEMBERS OF THE ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT WILL STAND, LINK HANDS AND PLEDGE  
"...shall be a community of women..."

Our link symbolizes the community we develop as United Methodist Women. The Alexandria District pledges \$28,900 to mission in 1991 as we thank God for our community.

MEMBERS OF THE BATON ROUGE DISTRICT WILL STAND, LINK HANDS AND PLEDGE  
"...whose PURPOSE is to know God..."

Our link symbolizes our opportunity to know God and God's will for us through the programs of United Methodist Women. The Baton Rouge District pledges \$33,000 to mission in 1991 in gratitude for all of our opportunities to know God.

MEMBERS OF THE LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT WILL STAND, LINK HANDS AND PLEDGE  
"...and to experience freedom..."

Our link symbolizes the freedom we experience as we release those things that bind us enabling us to freely minister to the world. The Lake Charles District pledges \$41,000 to mission in 1991 as we thank God for our freedom.

MEMBERS OF THE MONROE DISTRICT WILL STAND, LINK HANDS AND PLEDGE  
"...as whole persons through Jesus Christ;"

Our link symbolizes the wholeness that we come to be through the transforming love of Jesus Christ. The Monroe District pledges \$27,500 to mission in 1991 so through the Christ in us, others may become whole.

MEMBERS OF THE NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT STAND, LINK HANDS AND PLEDGE  
"...to develop a creative,"

Our link is a symbol of the creativity of United Methodist Women in telling the story of mission. The New Orleans District pledges \$45,000 with gratitude for our creative talents.

MEMBERS OF THE NORTH SHORE DISTRICT STAND, LINK HANDS AND PLEDGE  
"...supportive fellowship;"

Our link is a symbol of the support we give and receive in our fellowship with one another. The North Shore District pledges \$18,000 to mission in 1991 with thanksgiving for our supportive relationships.

MEMBERS OF THE RUSTON DISTRICT WILL STAND, LINK HANDS AND PLEDGE  
"...and to expand concepts of mission..."

Our link symbolizes our expanding concepts of mission through United Methodist Women. The Ruston District pledges \$30,000 to mission in 1991 thanking God for our opportunities to learn and grow.

MEMBERS OF THE SHREVEPORT DISTRICT WILL STAND, LINK HANDS AND PLEDGE  
"...through participation in the global ministries of the church."

Our link is a symbol for our participation in the global ministries of the church. The Shreveport District pledges \$49,000 to mission in 1991 as we anticipate new ways to participate in our church's ministries.

MEMBERS OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE STAND, LINK HANDS AND PLEDGE  
Our link is a symbol of the purpose of United Methodist Women. As a conference we pledge \$315,000 to mission in 1991 toward fulfillment of our purpose.

PLEASE REMAIN STANDING WITH LINKED HANDS DURING THE SOLO  
SOLO, "BLESS THOU THE GIFT"

SHIRLEY WALL

\*Discipline Paragraph 1421, Purpose of the Women's Division

\*Discipline Paragraph 263.6, Article 3, UMW Pledge

**PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION** - President Norma Winegeart recognized the following persons with Special Mission Recognition Pins and Certificates. Those who were ordained elder during the Annual Conference in June: Alice Faye Barrhartung, Judy Edwards Nelson (absent), and Carolyn Ann Stokes (absent.) Ordained Diaconal Minister: Michelle Varnado Townsend (absent.) Consecrated as short term missionary: Denise Hygh. Consecrated long term Missionary: Karen Johnson Ujereh (absent.) And, to the chairperson and assistant chairperson of this Annual Meeting: Bea Moak and Christine Coleman.

**INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER** - Betty Ferrington introduced Denise Hygh, a member of Louisiana Conference and US-2 missionary of the United Methodist Church serving as a volunteer with the church Board of Global Ministries and stationed in Biloxi, Mississippi at Moore Community House. Excerpts of the address given by Denise Hygh follow:

"I am now in my second year as a US-2 working with Moore Community House. We offer child care, parent support services, after school programs and adult literacy classes. As Parent Program Director it is my responsibility to insure that parents have a clear understanding of who they are as persons, provide avenues for their input into the child care program, provide programs that will benefit them and be an advocate for their rights. We are in mission with people who live in poverty. In this past year we have been faced with cutbacks and layoffs resulting in reduction of the number of children receiving quality care and program reductions. Budget cuts always seem to hurt the poor. If we are 'Links to Mission' we must work together to insure a positive means to negative circumstances. We must realize that we are all interconnected in some way and we must be concerned and caring for each other.

We have a common goal. We love Christ, we love one another and we love the work we are involved in. United Methodist Women's history traces back to many mission projects. As we continue to pray for situations, crisis and joys, our prayers are working in favor of great blessings. Our faith must remain strong...we must be willing to take risks....and we must continue witnessing....we must get involved. I encourage you to visit Mission agencies such as Moore Community House and learn more about the mission work of United Methodist Women. Support your missionaries and personnel. I am thrilled when I receive cards and letters from you because I know the support of your prayers and love goes a long way. We are called to respond. 'What does the Lord require of you, but to seek justice, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God.' Micah 6:8."

**REPORT OF REGISTRATION** - A total registration of 503 was reported by Marie Wilkerson, Registrar.

**ABOUT THE OFFERING** - Mary Spell, Conference Treasurer, announced that the offering from this Annual Meeting will be given Undesignated to Mission in honor of Judy Rountree, one of our retiring officers who has given many years of dedicated work and service to our conference.

**OFFERTORY** - The Mixed Ensemble of Monroe First United Methodist Church presented the anthem.

**INSTALLATION OF CONFERENCE OFFICERS** - Lueburda Myers conducted the installation service for those who are continuing in office (second term) and for newly elected officers. Those being installed were: Vice President - Betty Carlin; Treasurer - Mary Spell; Secretary for Financial Interpretation - Mary Quinones; Coordinator for Christian Global Concerns - Mary

Pollard; Coordinator for Christian Social Involvement - Geneva Bell; Coordinator for Supportive Community - Hilda Sills; Chairperson, Committee on Nominations - Annie Lincoln; Members of the Committee on Nominations - Mary Lou France, Jane Humble and Debra Dupye. The installation service is summarized as follows:

"Let all things be done decently and in order." I Corinthians 14:40.  
"This admonition came at the close of a discussion of the inner workings of the church as the Body of Christ. Paul's words are suggestive of the place of organization in the work of the Lord. Whenever we live in an orderly society, there must be leaders. Because you have proved to be good followers, our conference has chosen you to be its leaders. We have not elected you simply to honor you, but because you have proved honorable, we have placed upon you a trust. Words of praise for you are unnecessary; we have praised you by choosing you, your deeds will prove you worthy of this trust.

You have been chosen to link together the four distinct phases of our purpose; chosen to fill the offices which you are to discharge. In a sense you have been chosen by the church, and in a greater sense you have been chosen by the Lord through His church. You have been endowed with certain abilities and chosen of God to exercise them in His service...each with a different function. In the Lord's work there are no big offices and little offices; each is of tremendous importance and each compliments the others.....If you fail to respond, there will be something lacking. But if when the Master Organist touches each of your keys you respond with all your ability, the result will be a symphony of service to gladden the heart of God. You are an important link...like that of a chain, you will be the bond or connecting part that will unite our group for service in mission."

Each officer was asked to affirm her acceptance of responsibility and commitment. The entire membership stood as a pledge of cooperation and fellowship to match their leadership.

INVITATION TO 1991 CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING - Pat Davis extended an invitation by Henning Memorial United Methodist Church in Sulphur to host the 1991 Annual Meeting at their church. The invitation was accepted.

ADJOURNMENT - Following proper action by motion, President Winegeart declared the Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women adjourned.

MISSION CANDLE - was extinguished at 10:42 a.m. during the Communion Service.

Seola Callahan, Secretary

Norma Winegeart, President



## **SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

### **THE GATHERING**

**THE ORGAN PRELUDE** "Air" (Bach)

Hunt Neely, Organist

**GREETING** (Responsively)

Dr. William C. Blakely

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

The risen Christ is with us!

**PRAISE BE TO GOD!**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Hymn No. 89

**THE OPENING PRAYER** (In Unison)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your holy spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (In unison)

O holy and merciful God, we confess that we have not always taken upon ourselves with joy the yoke of obedience, nor been willing to seek and to do thy perfect will. We have not loved thee with all our heart and mind and soul and strength, neither have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Thou hast called to us in the need of our fellows, and we have passed unheeding on our way. In the pride of our hearts, and our unwillingness to repent, we have turned away from the cross of Christ, and have grieved thy Holy Spirit, Amen.

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**FLUTE SOLO**

Miss Allison Flurry

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Dr. Samuel D. Reeves

**PRAYER**

**COMMUNION MEDITATION**

Dr. Byrl Moreland

Summary of the meditation "Linked by Witnessess" follows:

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-2

"....Have you ever realized how fragile our world is? Or how interconnected our lives are with one another? Or how totally dependent we are on all those miniature computers? We like to boast about our self sufficiency and competence. The truth is, a little fuse in a transformer box can plunge our world into chaos. Our modern day life is completely dependent on interfaces and linkages. Our world is complex and

interrelated. No one is independent anymore. This isn't really news...the truth is we have always been connected to one another. When I think of the persons that have presided over this annual meeting and the contributions they have made to my life.... you can't stand here and recite that list of names, without feeling an overwhelming sense of greatness and power...without realizing how much poorer our lives would be if we had not followed them. Or think about the candle we just blew out a moment ago; this Mission Candle that has been burning all these hours since we have been here. A whole lot of persons and groups paid \$37.85 to burn that candle for a minute. A lot of people purchased mission moments so that they could honor some friend. Think about those persons, the kind of persons they are, the kind of lives they have lived, the Christians they have influenced, how far reaching that goes. Suppose that one of those persons you are thinking about profoundly influenced the church where she is. Suppose one person in that church moved down to Sulphur, and there caused a circle of United Methodist Women to be completely different than it had ever been before. Suppose three of those persons moved to three different states.....and your imagination can figure out what their enthusiasm and excitement might cause. Go one step further and think about the mission field during these hours while you have been here. Purchasing mission moments so that someone somewhere could carry your message to every corner of the globe. Can you visualize how many persons have learned more about Christ for the first time since you have been here? Or how many people finally learned how to read?...or to be a nurse...how many were ministered to in Christian love? In these few hours there are a whole lot of persons in the world that you have never seen that will never be the same anymore because of the mission moments you have purchased.....Think about yourselves, those whom you represent...our accountability...but most of all our connectedness...covenant relationship...caring for one another...supporting one another...so that none stands alone. Each of us is connected together in one great common fold. If we can just use the power that we have, nothing can stop us. There is enough faith and power and commitment in this Sanctuary to make a difference in the world. Take this message back to the folks at home and by the grace of God, go out and do it."

**COMMUNION PRAYER** (In unison)

Dr. Blakely

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** (Litany)

Dr. Reeves, leader

**THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

**THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (In unison)

Dr. Moreland

O Lord our Father, please accept our offering of praise and thanksgiving. We thank you that in Jesus Christ we find forgiveness for all that is past and a new future of meaning and purpose. Here and now, Lord, we offer ourselves to you. We are yours. May we find our lives filled with grace and goodness. Though none of us deserves it, lead us to a new life together. In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION** "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Hymn No. 664

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

Dr. Moreland

**POSTLUDE** "Toccata in C" (Bach)

Hunt Neely, Organist

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Music for the Sharing of the Bread and Cup is provided by  
Mrs. Hallie Yarbrough, violinist.

## EVENTS

### WEST GULF REGIONAL SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

On June 16-20, 1990, the campus of Centenary College was engulfed with participants of the West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission. United Methodist Women conference officers and study group leaders from eight states representing seventeen conferences participated in the three studies, worship and choice groups. Louisiana Conference UMW acted as hostess and travel to and from the airport was coordinated by Betty Turner and the Shreveport District. A highlight of the school was the participation of Phil Wingeier, 24, a United Methodist Mission Intern supported by the General Board of Global Ministries in a 3-year leadership development experience. It was also nice to have Bishop and Anne Hearn as study group leaders. This school was a reality made possible after several years of work by the Conference Executive Committee. The opinions expressed on the front porch and in the lobby of James Dorm which served as the "School Village" was that "It is so good, let's do it again," Centenary will again host the regional school in 1991. Thanks to all who made it such a success, Evelyn Evans, Betty Turner and the Executive Committee.

Judy Rountree

### LOUISIANA CONFERENCE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

"Christian Faith and Cultural Realities" was the theme for the School of Christian Mission held at Centenary College July 17-20 and July 20-22, 1990. Ola McNaughton served as Dean and Gladys Prillerman was Assistant Dean.

Study group leaders were: "Galatians" - Rev. Rosemary Brown; "People of a Prophetic Church: Central America" - Mrs. Margaret Bryan, Mrs. Leora Hatch, and Reverend Marta Sanfiel; and "Gospel, Culture and Media" - Mrs. Lester Allen, Reverend Alonzo Campbell and Miss Sue Johnson.

Sixty-three persons attended for the first time; the majority attended the weekend school. Twelve Estelle Dameron Scholarships were awarded. Total attendance was 280. The Alexandria District won the attendance award.

Ola McNaughton

### DISTRICT ELECTED LEADERS TRAINING

"Links in Mission" was the theme for District Elected Leaders Training, October 26 and 27, 1990, at Tall Timbers Conference Center near Alexandria. There were 103 conference and district officers in attendance.

On Friday night a training session was held for district presidents and district treasurers. Betty Ferrington led the other officers in a discussion of how to implement the conference goals for 1991.

Mrs. Gladys Prillerman developed the theme "Links in Mission" by discussing the role of leaders. She presented a list of beatitudes for leaders and discussed how persons gain the role of leadership. Conference officers met with district counterparts for extended training sessions. The sending forth was presented by Judy Rountree and Betty Ferrington. Elouise Sanders served as Chairperson for the event and Sally Nash as Assistant Chairperson.

Elouise Sanders



## THE GATHERING

Approximately 4,000 United Methodist from across the world met together in Fort Worth, Texas, October 31 through November 4, 1990, for worship, Bible study, idea and resource sharing, learning groups and prayer. As representative from the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women I was one of the fifty lay and clergy persons from Louisiana who attended the INTERNATIONAL GATHERING which was initiated by the Council of Bishops to encourage a fresh, new vision for the Church.

The teaching, witness and leadership of our bishops was impressive and inspiring. Bishops are generally regarded as administrative leaders, but their role as spiritual leaders in touch with, and sensitive to, the needs of local churches was predominate throughout the event.

Representatives from all the general boards and agencies were there to answer questions, provide resources and help in anyway they could. The Cokesbury store seemed to have been transported to the Conference Center bringing not only their for sale and free items, but also many of their most knowledgeable and helpful staff. There were small group options, if you consider in excess of 100 persons a small group, for your choosing; two sessions each day.

The highlight of the GATHERING was the worship. The whole event was based, as the new Foundation Document - Vital Congregations\Faithful Diciples presented by the Council of Bishops states, with the acknowledgment that worship is "the pattern for all Christian living" and is "at the heart of the whole Chrisitan life." Participants gathered to praise God, to sing, to confess failure at not being an obedient church, and above all to respond with hope and joy to God's loving forgiveness and the freedom all have in Jesus Christ for new beginnings.

At the Friday night worship service, God's grace was celebrated through dance and through a variety of music that represented age and cultural diversity. There was dynamic and inspirational preaching, challenging teaching, and the call for mission and service into our communities and beyond. On Sunday participants broke bread together for the spiritual journeys ahead and for journeys back home, where with new enthusiasm and a new sense of direction, lay and clergy will lead our churches on the path of renewal.

Thank you for making it possible for me to be a part of THE GATHERING. It was the most inspiring meeting I have ever attended.

Seola Callahan

## DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS FOR 1990

### ACADIANA DISTRICT

Our Mission Team met twice to plan district meetings. Our first district meeting was a Day-Apart in St. Martinville in April with our Conference Vice President Betty Ferrington presenting the program. A number of our members attended the School of Christian Mission at Centenary. In August we had our Mini-School of Mission in Lafayette. Carol Foreman, Coordinator of Christian Global Concerns was chairperson for this program. Forty persons attended the event. Our District Annual Meeting was held in Houma with a total attendance of 94. Celina Johnson, Conference Coordinator of Christian Personhood was the key speaker. While in Houma the group had the opportunity to tour MacDonell Children's Home. The last meeting of the year was Local Elected Leaders Training which was held in New Iberia. There were 54 persons who attended, representing 14 units. The response for this training was very good. They all felt they learned more about the office they were holding. As a Mission Team we see that we must "reach out and touch" the 18 units that are not attending the district meetings; they are missing out on something.

Dorothy Dunbar, District President

### ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Alexandria District has woven many extra threads to add to our tapestry of love and commitment to United Methodist Women. Our mission team has worked very hard and has accomplished several goals.

Fay Barrhartung led our Prayer Retreat which was in Pollock. It was a wonderful inspirational morning with 47 in attendance.

There were 22 from our district who attended the National Assembly in St. Louis. We were thankful for the 12 from Lake Charles and one from Shreveport who helped us charter a bus. For those who rode the bus, it will always be a memory to share, and for some to forget, but the Assembly more than made up for the inconveniences of the bus ride up and all the rain.

The School of Mission was a great learning and sharing time for the thirty women and one pastor from Alexandria District. We were very excited that we won the attendance banner.

Rev. Fay Barrhartung, Gloria Bennett, Rev. Billiand, and Betty Rowell were study leaders for our Mini-School of Mission. This was a very special effort as we had not had one in several years, and we were able to get it planned and coordinated in a very short time, thanks to the generous efforts of those leading, planning, and participating.

Our highlight of the year was the District Annual Meeting in Natchitoches. Dorothy Johnson was the guest speaker. Retiring officers and installing new ones, we as a Mission Team will continue to grow in mission by adding more threads brighter and stronger through our pledges, prayers, studies and enthusiasm.

We have prospects of two new units and will continue unit visits, calls and newsletter communications to fulfillment of the goals of the Louisiana Conference of United Methodist Women.

Esther Sanson, District President

## BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

The very challenging and enthusiastic service on Sunday, October 8, 1989, set the stage for the new year and the work the new Baton Rouge District would undertake. The ladies did an outstanding job of participating in the church services as United Methodist Women. We had great reports from more than 20 units sharing their success with us.

Other activities actively participated in by members of the Baton Rouge District will be listed below. In February, several members of the District Team attended the Mid-Year Meeting at Tall Timbers. The information received was passed to members in the District. In March, many ladies participated in the World Day of Prayer and the CWU State Assembly held in Baton Rouge. The District Laity Banquet was held at Broadmoor UMC and once again ladies from three of our churches assisted with the set up for the 500 plus people in attendance. March ended on a high with the Day Apart held at St. John United Methodist Church with over 75 in attendance. In May, over 20 ladies from the Baton Rouge District descended on Kansas City for the UMW Assembly. What a blessing for all! In June we were well represented at the Louisiana Annual Conference. July was the month 28 ladies attended the School of Christian Mission at Centenary College in Shreveport. In August, a District Mini-School of Christian Mission was held at Gonzales UMC with 64 in attendance. In September, we attended the UMW Conference Annual Meeting in Monroe. It was a delight to meet and greet so many Christian friends. On October 6th the Baton Rouge District Annual Meeting was held at Evangeline United Methodist Church with 105 ladies. Rev. Carol Winn, pastor of Evangeline, was our speaker, speaking of unity. Helen Brock installed the officers for the 1991 year. On October 26-27, ten of the twelve officers attended the District Elected Leaders Training at Tall Timbers. All of their information was passed to the local units at the Local Elected Leaders Training in November.

The Executive Committee functioned effectively during the year. One additional meeting was held in July to make name tags and the display for the School of Mission. It was a good meeting for we had the opportunity to see each other during the summer once more. We also continued our District Shepherdess Program. This is a wonderful way for us to stay in close contact with all of our units.

Three churches in the Baton Rouge District were combined into one. It was a year of bringing the new Baton Rouge District together. It was a very successful one. Now, we look forward to 1991 and to reaching out to the churches not yet involved with the United Methodist Women.

Alice Irving, District President

## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

This was a banner year for the Lake Charles District and special "thanks" goes out to all the district officers and units who worked together to make it so.

All of our units reported 100% in holding a UMW service in their churches and all but four sent in their President's reports. Fourteen members traveled to Kansas City to the Assembly held in May. We hope more will be able to attend the 1994 meeting to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio and that many more will take the opportunity to go to the South Central Jurisdiction meeting to be held in Dallas, Texas, April 3-5, 1992. Being a part of Assembly and Jurisdiction gatherings is such a thrill to associate with UMW members from all over this country and many foreign lands.

In our own Louisiana Conference 35 Lake Charles District members were at the School of Christian Mission and 43 attended the annual meeting in Monroe. Next year the Annual meeting will be held at Henning United Methodist Church, Sulphur and all Lake Charles District will help.



The Lake Charles District received 63 reading certificates and had good participation in the mission studies. We have overpaid our pledge once more and will continue to support our Conference with our prayers, our gifts and our attendance. The retreat held in April and the Annual Meeting in October were both well attended, but we always wish more members would come. We are God's missionary people, we share our faith and knowledge, our gifts and graces, for people everywhere.

Mary Lou France, District President

## MONROE DISTRICT

The year 1990 began very good. All our units returned their presidents reports. This was followed by a good response from United Methodist Women's Sunday on January 28, 1990. Most of our units reported on their programs.

The district president attended mid-year executive meeting at Tall Timbers in February. All of the information was shared with the Executive Committee in March at our Quarterly meeting. We discussed the goals for 1990 and program for the year, with dates for newsletters to go out and our regular meetings.

In April District Retreat was held at Wesley Foundation on Northeast Louisiana University campus with Mrs. Louise Thomas from Shreveport as our leader. Each person who attended came away a different person. Six ladies attended Assembly in May in Kansas City. Each one received a special blessing and has shared with other units who were unable to go. July there were 24 ladies who attended School of Christian Mission in Shreveport; each reported a very good school. August we had Mini-School of Christian Mission at Rayville United Methodist Church, with the best attendance we have ever had. The study leaders did a great job.

The highlight of our year was hosting Conference Annual Meeting in September at First United Methodist Church in Monroe. Conference team, District teams and local members started in January making plans for program, speakers, hostess, local chairmen. We met throughout the year. There was great participation from all the local units with money, food, helpers and kind words from ones who could not help. Our district was brought closer together during this time. We all received a blessing.

October District Annual meeting was held at Tallulah First United Methodist Church, with very good attendance. Our own Conference president Norma Winegeart was the guest speaker. It was a good day for all who attended. In November officers training was held at Lea Joyner Memorial Church in Monroe on Sunday afternoon. All our district officers were there to train their counterparts. It was one of the best officers training we have ever had.

We feel sure we will meet our Pledge to Mission again this year. We are still trying to organize new units and reorganize those that have disbanded. Some of our local units have organized new groups of young ladies. This has been a good year; we hope 1991 will be a better one.

Marie Young, District President

## NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

The New Orleans District Mission Team continued to meet in alternate months, in various local churches, in an attempt to get acquainted with more of the local women.

In March there was a very successful and meaningful Day Apart, under the auspices of Vice President Lynn Foil. Speaker was a retired medical missionary, Dr. Joyce Matthison, who made mission come alive for those who heard her.

The District was well represented by 29 persons at the Assembly in Kansas City in May. A slide presentation was prepared by Pat Cobb and is being circulated, as requested, to local units.

Our attendance at School of Christian Mission was increased, but still not nearly as well as had been hoped. Those who attended were enthusiastic about the school. A very impressive Mini-School was held in August, with leadership given by Joy LeBoutillier, Evelyn Evans and Rev. Marta Sanfiel.

Our Annual Meeting was memorable, under the guidance of Lynn Foil, with all being called to "have breakfast (lunch)" with Jesus, in the beautiful bayou setting of Golden Meadow. Over 100 women attended.

Most (but not all) of our Mission Team attended DELT, and then led a well-accepted LELT. Comments were very favorable concerning the materials and information presented. Hopefully, this will lead to greater participation throughout the local units.

Lottie Palazzo, District President

## NORTH SHORE DISTRICT

Our organizational meetings were held on June 3 and August 22, 1989. Plans were made and officers were nominated for the new District. The first annual meeting was held at First Methodist in Ponchatoula. Rev. Blakeman, District Superintendent, presided. The slate of officers was nominated and elected. Mrs. Mary Lou Blakeman installed these and we went to work. Our offering for the day was pledged to Children's Projects in the Philippines. The program, "New Horizons," was given by Conference Vice President Betty Ferrington, giving us an enthusiastic start.

Our year's work was planned and committees appointed at our first Mission Team meeting in Franklinton on December 1, 1989, with 100% present. Several of our team members were guest speakers in churches for UMW Sunday in January. Vera Packer, District Mission Coordinator for Christian Personhood and her committee planned a very successful overnight Spring Retreat at Seashore Assembly in Biloxi. Rev. Carol Cotton-Winn was our leader. The Mission Team held its second meeting prior to the opening session. We were 100% again.

Each month, May Magee, Mission Coordinator for Global Concerns, sends selected missionaries "Gift to Mission Cards" on their birthdays.

Our third Mission Team meeting was held at Walker United Methodist Church in July. Delma Baker, Membership Chairperson, has appointed each Mission Team member a shepherd and given us three churches for our particular concern. For the second year, our Mission Team was 100% at DELT. I am so proud of them and their desires for our District.

Mini-School was held at St. Timothy in Mandeville. It was a great success with 65 attending. Betty Ferrington, Rev. Melissa Draper and Rev. Alonzo Campbell were our teachers. We held our fourth Mission Team meeting after the school.

Committees for Goals, Guidelines and Standing Rules have completed these, and we have voted them in.

Annual Meeting was held at Hartzell-Mt. Zion on October 6, 1990, with Marian Eggerton as our speaker. With her remarks we began a second year. LELT was held at Hammond United Methodist Church with 100% Mission Team present and a well-planned successful training meeting.

All the Mission Team members worked this year in a wonderful Christian way. May this first year be a bridge of faith and works of mission to take us into our second year.

Dorothy B. Pierce, District President

## RUSTON DISTRICT

January 1990 was the beginning of a new decade for Ruston District United Methodist Women. The year began on a positive note with 100% of the units sending in Annual Reports. Most of the units observed United Methodist Women's Sunday.

The mission team met several times during the year to set goals, adopt a budget, and make plans for the year. The nominating committee met at the same time as the mission team and this arrangement worked out well. The Newsletter and correspondence from district officers kept the units informed about district activities.

Attendance at district events was very good. Spring Meeting was held on March 4, 1990, at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church near Ruston. A record 130 members from 25 units were present on this beautiful Spring Sunday afternoon. Our Conference Vice President, Betty Ferrington, was the speaker. She inspired the members with her message presented in songs as well as words.

Caney Conference Centre was the site of Spring Retreat. Rev. Carolyn Volentine, the retreat leader, chose "Prayer First" as the theme for the day. She guided those present through the many ways that prayer provides stability and assurance to our lives. Sixty-two members were in attendance.

Only fifteen members from Ruston District attended School of Mission in July. This is one of the areas that needs improvement.

First United Methodist Church in Minden served as the host for Mini-School of Mission on August 25, 1990. In the morning session the members chose to attend the session on "Central America" led by Margaret Bryan or the session on "Gospel, Culture and Media" led by Elouise Sanders. In the afternoon, Rev. Doug deGraffenreid taught the study of "Galatians." Eighty-seven persons attended this meeting.

On October 6, 1990, First United Methodist Church in Homer welcomed 89 members from Ruston District to the Annual Meeting. The theme for the meeting was "Links in Mission." Each phase of the meeting carried out this theme, especially the Pledge Service, Installation of Officers, and the message of the speaker, Rev. Kibbie Hatfield.

The beautiful fall foliage greeted 61 members as they journeyed to First United Methodist Church in Arcadia to attend Local Elected Leaders Training on November 17, 1990. Local leaders were trained for their specific leadership positions in the year 1991.



1990 was a productive year in Ruston District. All units sent in Annual Reports, attendance at meetings was outstanding, and participation in Excellence of Studies and the Reading Program was superb. The leadership of the District Mission Team and the cooperation of the local units made it a joy and a privilege to serve as President of the Ruston District United Methodist Women in 1990.

Elouise Sanders, District President

## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

This has been a wonderful year for the Shreveport District and especially for me. The Mission Team has been very supportive. Right after Annual Meeting I attended DELT and haven't looked back. The District had 100% reporting so we have a fairly accurate account of where we are as a District. In January most units observed UMW Sunday.

Led by Rev. Loretta Lampkin and Annette Fortuna the Retreat in March was a Spiritual Inspiration. The 76 women who attended were renewed in a special way. The Retreat was held at Bayou Scie.

Early in May, ten women attended the Assembly in Kansas City. It was wonderful just being with all the women who were there. The program was good and we all learned something to bring home.

The Regional School of Mission was held at Centenary in June and several ladies and some men and boys helped with transportation for this meeting. Meeting these people was a lot of fun.

Then in July the Conference School of Mission, led by our own Ola McNaughton and Gladys Prillerman, was well attended by District members. Attending were 60 members for both schools. The morning devotion with suitemates was inspiring and just the thing to start a busy day.

For those who weren't able to attend the Conference School or who wanted to take the study they missed at the school there were two Mini-Schools in August. One was held in Many and the other was at Caddo Heights. For both schools attendance was 67.

Sixty women journeyed to Monroe for the Conference Annual Meeting. The meeting was inspiring, informative, and fun. We in the Shreveport District are proud to have President Norma Winegeart as a part of us.

The District Annual Meeting on October 14, was held at Mangum. Highlights were our speaker Norma Winegeart and a report from Doris Brown who had attended a meeting in New York. We were glad to have District Superintendent Ray Branton and his wife Gwen.

DELT was held at Tall Timbers again and it prepared us for Local Elected Leaders Training. We had two sessions with 110 attending.

Through the year I have visited in the local units. My greatest pleasure has been the five new units organized this year: Asbury, Faith, Walker's Chapel, Bethel, and just last week, November 18, Fellowship. Fellowship Church will have its first worship service on December 2nd. I am very proud of these new units.

With God's help next year will be even better.

Betty Turner, District President

## 1991 DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Acadiana	October 5	First UMC, Lafayette
Alexandria	October 5	Palestine UMC, Pineville
Baton Rouge	October 5	St. Mark UMC, Baton Rouge
Lake Charles	October 5	First UMC, Leesville
Monroe	October 12	First UMC, Bastrop
New Orleans	October 5	Munholland UMC, New Orleans
North Shore	October 12	First UMC, Denham Springs
Ruston	October 5	First UMC, Springhill
Shreveport	October 13	St. Paul UMC, Shreveport

## LOCAL QUARTERLY REPORTS DUE DISTRICT TREASURER

March 10  
June 10  
September 10  
December 1

## DISTRICT QUARTERLY REPORTS DUE CONFERENCE TREASURER

March 25  
June 25  
September 25  
December 10

